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To Incumbents, Wardens and Treasurers

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

As we face into this unprecedented crisis with all of its uncertainties and financial concerns, I wanted to check in with you and offer support in your ministry.

In this precarious time, we will need to hear from you quickly if there are financial concerns in the parish, either in the short-term cash flow or longer-term budgetary concerns in the event that giving begins to drop. Please alert us immediately, not waiting until it is a crisis, as we have more chance of being able to find better solutions if we know ahead.

Our Diocesan Treasurer, Monty Tuck, is applying for the federal wage subsidy for charities, and will alert you as details become more clear of the process for this.

Attached to this letter is the process for setting up Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), which is the best option for maintaining giving while we are not able to gather for worship. Some people may prefer to use Interac payment to your parish, and that is fine. We are exploring an online donation process for the diocesan webpage where we could distribute what is specifically designated for a particular parish.

In order to keep clear communication we will update the pages on the website for treasurers and wardens when there are new resources for you.

We want to hear from you. What do you need from us at this time? What would be useful for you?

You are welcome to email Monty at MTuck@source.ca with concerns or questions.

Please be assured of our prayers and concern for you, and our willingness to help as we weather this storm. We will get through this turmoil together, and we can be confident of God's love and strength through it all.

May God bless you with courage and resilience.

Yours in Christ,

+Lynne
Bishop

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