

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE/BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**

(This Subcommittee is responsible to the Financial Advisory Committee)

The Finance/Budget Subcommittee assists the Treasurer with the preparation of the diocesan budget and monitors diocesan financial operations, including parish loans, loan guarantees and repayment plans.

At regular meetings, the subcommittee reviewed the statements provided by the acting Treasurer and ensured that reasonable explanations were provided for both positive and negative variances to the budgeted amounts. Church extension loans, loans payable, and parish receivable for payroll and D M&M are also reviewed at each meeting. Due to the vacancy in the position of Treasurer for most of the year, the subcommittee took direct involvement in preparing the 2011 Budget in consultation with the Bishop, Senior Staff, Vision Petal Leaders and Synod Council input.

Once again it took a second Synod in March to pass the 2010 budget. The committee worked closely with the FAC, Bishop and staff to update the budget for 2010 that was ultimately approved at the special session of Synod.

This year's budget represents the start of a significant shift in the way the diocese will operate in the future. In response to the frequent requests from Parishes that the D M& M rate is too high, the D M&M rate has been reduced to 30% of assessable parish income and an allowance have been made for uncollected D M& M and Payroll. As we begin to embrace the diocesan vision there will be a change of focus on the areas that are funded and the resources that are allocated to various ministries. As the result of the reduction in the D M&M rate it is not possible to directly fund certain areas such as outreach within the diocese and university chaplains at the diocesan level. Parishes, individuals and groups will be encouraged to find new and innovative ways to support these initiatives in the future.

We owe a great deal of thanks to Jim Newman for all the hard work he has put into the preparation of a narrative form of the budget for 2011. I'm sure you will find this useful in understanding how we plan to allocate our resources in the year ahead.

We thank our current members for their time and care for our ministry of finance in Niagara. We would like to express our profound gratitude to Acting Treasurer Gord Archbell and Finance Department staff. We welcome our new treasurer Jodie Beck and we look forward to working with her in the future.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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