

Clergy Wellness Grants 2023

The deacons and priests in active service in the Episcopal Church of Delaware are a selfless group of dedicated men and women who spend countless hours looking after the needs of their parishioners, their communities, and the Church at large. In an effort to help them look after themselves, at their April meeting, the Trustees and Bishop Brown approved “wellness grants” to support the physical, mental, and spiritual health of deacons and priests in active service in Delaware. The grants will draw from a surplus of monies accumulated in recent years in the Clergy Aid Broad Fund, one of the restricted funds which is overseen by the diocesan Trustees. This bequest was originally specifically designated for aid to canonically resident clergy in critical situations. While this remains the fund’s primary objective, the Trustees hoped that this one-time grant might help the eligible clergy personally in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Unfortunately, the surplus is not sufficient to aid all of Delaware’s canonically-resident clergy. Thus, the grant does not apply to priest associates or deacon associates, or retired clergy otherwise serving a parish in this capacity regardless of local title.

This special group of men and women never turn away from their parishioners, and these grants are a gesture of appreciation for their care and support.