

Episcopal Diocese of Oregon  
Report to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of Convention  
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DIOCESAN FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Responsibility: Meet monthly in advance of Board of Trustees meeting to provide regular oversight for the financial assets of the Diocese; make recommendations to Trustees.

Activities Report

- Responded to recommendations of the outside auditor contained in the 2019 audit.
- Extensive discussion of the treatment for unemployment insurance claims paid by the Diocese on behalf of our churches and missions during the pandemic, prior to April, 2021.
- Regular review of Diocesan financial reports prepared by the Finance Office.
- Encouraging more clarity, detail, transparency and timeliness in financial reporting.

Expenditures

- Meetings were all virtual, no expenditures.

2021 Goals Progress

- Continued supervision of conversion of Diocesan financials from outdated and ineffective QuickBooks software to Cloud-Based Shelby system.
- Met with Deacon Brian Nordwick, Diocese of El Camino Real, who was appointed by Bishop Diana to review Diocesan financial leadership and structure.

2022 Goals

- Full conversion to Shelby system.
- Respond to recommendations of the pending 2020 independent auditors and audit reports.
- Further study of current self-insured choice for unemployment insurance.