



Clergy Remuneration Information

Date: December 2024
 To: Churchwardens, Treasurers, and Active Clergy
 From: Human Resources

RE: Clergy Remuneration Information for 2025

A. Changes for 2025

1. The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

The Cost of Living Adjustment for 2024 is 3.6%.

Those on the minimum stipend scale (below) has been updated to reflect the increase. Clergy ordained less than 15 years would also move up the scale for years of service.

Parishes are encouraged to also give a 3.6% increase to clergy currently earning above minimum stipend, as well as their lay employees.

Annual Clergy Stipend Adjustments

The Diocese requires a Compensation Sheet to be completed each year. This can be found as Appendix B. No changes will be made unless this form is signed and received from the Churchwardens. These forms should be submitted to Diocesan Payroll Office by January 10, 2025 in order to ensure that any adjustment becomes effective as of January 2024. Forms received after that date will be calculated retroactively in the month they are received.

2. Summary of Costs

The rates listed below are subject to change. If there are any discrepancies between the information provided and the official plans, the official plans will rule in all cases.

Type of Cost	Clergy Portion	Parish Portion
Long-Term Disability Plan	not applicable	2.2%* + 8% tax - there will be a 3 month LTD premium holiday Jan-March 2025
General Synod Pension Plan	5% of pensionable earnings*	12.5% of pensionable earnings*
*For pension purposes, the above calculations are based on 1.5x of stipend		
Self Insured Death Benefit		147.60 + 8% tax annually
Professional Development (CEP)	not applicable	\$900 annually
Canada Pension Plan Premium	5.95% to max. of \$4,034.10	5.95% to max. of \$4,034.10
Employment Insurance Premium	1.64% (\$1,077.48 max)	2.30% (\$1,508.47 max)

The Minimum Stipend Scale

Diocesan Council approved a 3.6% cost of living increase to the minimum stipend scale for 2025. This scale does not reflect merit increases; you will need to determine any such increases individually.

Credited Years	2024 Minimum Stipend	2025 Minimum Stipend
0	\$41,544.14	\$43,040.00
1	\$42,052.45	\$43,566.00
2	\$42,565.37	\$44,098.00
3	\$43,086.31	\$44,637.00
4	\$43,614.16	\$45,184.00
5	\$44,146.62	\$45,736.00
6	\$44,687.12	\$46,296.00
7	\$45,234.52	\$46,863.00
8	\$45,786.54	\$47,435.00
9	\$46,345.43	\$48,014.00
10	\$46,913.55	\$48,602.00
11	\$47,488.56	\$49,198.00
12	\$48,068.15	\$49,799.00
13	\$48,655.81	\$50,407.00
14	\$49,251.51	\$51,025.00
15 & over	\$49,855.28	\$51,650.00

Fees for Occasional Services

The following rates reflect the minimum amount to be paid in each situation. These rates are adjusted to reflect the cost of living increases effective January 1, 2025.

Service when clergy/laity is required to give a homily	\$135
Service when clergy/laity is not required to give a homily	\$102
Each additional service in the same parish	\$74

Other Finance and Budget Information

1. Travel

The cost of operating a car is subject to fluctuations in operating costs, primarily fuel. The Diocese regularly reviews the travel reimbursement rate for diocesan volunteer and staff by considering the policies of other dioceses, comparable not-for-profit organizations, and the Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.

The rate should never be lower than the rate set by Diocesan Council which is 60 cents per kilometer for the first 5,000 km and 55 cents per km thereafter.

Travel between home and church is not eligible for reimbursement. A log must be kept for all church related travel and include addresses at the beginning and end of the trip, the total kilometers, and the reason for travel. Expense claim forms must include the same information or have attached a photocopy of the relevant pages of the travel log. See Appendix D

There are tax implications if the reimbursement rate exceeds what is deemed reasonable by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). If the amount exceeds that rate, the entire allowance will be deemed a taxable benefit, and must be included in one's report of taxable income. In turn the individual may then be able to claim automobile expenses by filing Form T2200, which may be obtained from the diocesan payroll office (call 416-363-6021 / toll-free, 1-800-668-8932, ext. 239). The rates can be found on CRA's website at www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/pyrll/bnfts/tmbllwnc/rts-eng.html.

2. Utility Costs

(Heat, Hydro, Water, Basic Phone (including Parish related calls) and Internet Connection; Passed at Synod 2012). Rectory utilities paid by the parish. This should be the actual amount or as close as possible.

3. Loans

Any loan agreement between a parish or its members and priest or employee must be authorized by the Bishop and reported as a taxable benefit.

APPENDIX A

How to determine Clergy Remuneration

The clergy remuneration package consists of:

1. a stipend,
2. a living accommodation or a reasonable housing allowance, together with the reasonable costs of fuel, telephone and public utilities (taxable benefit),
3. the diocesan benefits plan including group insurance, dental and vision care, and extended health care, EFAP
4. the diocesan pregnancy and parental leave benefits,
5. post-retirement benefits,
6. short-term disability and long-term disability benefits,
7. the national continuing education plan,
8. the General Synod Pension Plan,
9. the Huron Pension Plan
10. the Huron Retiring Gratuity
11. statutory benefits such as Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance,
12. 31 days of vacation including 5 Sundays, plus a one-week winter break per year, after 5 years ordained
13. two weeks of Professional Development Leave per year (not including Sundays),
14. eligibility for sabbatical and education leaves after 5 years of continuous full-time service in the Diocese of Huron.

Determining Remuneration

When a cleric is appointed, the Executive Archdeacon, after consultation with the Churchwardens, sets a stipend amount and housing arrangement. From that point forward, it is expected that the Churchwardens will meet annually with the cleric to determine changes to his/her level of remuneration.

Here are a few suggestions that may be of help in preparing for this meeting:

Step 1. Adjust by Cost of Living

Adjust the present stipend level by the approved Cost of Living Adjustment.

Diocesan Council approves the cost of living adjustment each year.

The minimum stipend is changed to reflect COLA each year. If the cleric is paid more than the minimum and the Churchwardens intend to make the cost of living adjustment, they must reflect the increase on the Compensation Sheet form to central payroll.

The cost of living adjustment should not be considered a raise as it only ensures the stipends are keeping pace with inflation.

As just and fair employers, it is advised that a cost of living adjustment be applied to lay staff compensation levels.

Step 2. Review the Housing Arrangement

Review the present housing arrangement. If the cleric is in a rectory, assess and plan for any repairs. Since the rectory is considered part of the remuneration package for clergy it is important to properly maintain the home.

a) Rectories

Churchwardens are responsible for inspecting the rectory on an annual basis. The inspection is to be carried out at a time that is mutually convenient for the Incumbent and the Churchwardens. The Churchwardens are to address, on a timely basis, all deficiencies identified by the inspections and all repairs are to be carried out by licensed and/or qualified individuals.

b) Housing Allowance

A housing allowance is given to clergy who are not living in a church-provided home. Housing is separate and distinct from stipend, and payment of such should not be tied to the clergy stipend.

All Parishes in the Diocese will be part of the "Minimum Housing Allowance – Zone A" with the exception of those identified as included in Zone B. The Human Resources Committee will determine which Parishes qualify for "Minimum Housing Allowance - Zone B" based on available real estate market data and criteria established with the Human Resources Committee. The location of the parish/regional ministry determines the Zone.

Minimum Housing Allowance – Zone A for all clergy will be \$19,630 effective Jan 1, 2025.

Giving consideration to the increased cost of housing for those parishes/regional ministries– Zone B" (including the London, Kitchener, Waterloo, Brantford regions), a "Minimum Housing Allowance for all Clergy will be \$23,555.

Parishes are encouraged to increase Housing Allowance by 3.6% in 2023 for clergy above the Minimum Housing Allowance – Zone A or B. Additionally, clergy may, in consultation with the Human Resources Officer, negotiate with their Parish/regional ministry, a Housing Allowance above the minimum.

The Human Resources Committee will review, at least every three years, based on available market data and criteria established with the Human Resources Committee, which parishes/regional ministries should be included in each zone. Clergy or parishes who question their assigned zone can appeal with written evidence to the Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Please note that as of January 1, 2010, CRA requires clergy to submit a T1213 for their approval before housing allowances are eligible for tax deductions at source. Without this pre-approval, the taxes will be deducted from the housing portion of the clergy remuneration.

Step 3. Other Factors to Consider

Compensation in the secular setting is traditionally meant to attract, reward, motivate and retain employees. Historically, clergy remuneration was in the form of a living, meant to free the cleric from worldly concerns. Today, in the Church, we find these two principles intertwined. As the

Churchwardens and the cleric try to discuss clergy remuneration the following questions should be considered: What is the standard of living at the present remuneration level? What not-for-profit compensation level suitably reflects the skills, talents and responsibilities needed for ministry? Everyone needs to know they are appreciated and valued for what they contribute. Does the present remuneration level communicate this?

Consider as well extra schooling, continuing education and workshops the cleric has engaged in. What are the unique challenges of serving the parish (ie. multi-point, larger parishes with complex programming, smaller parishes); in what ways is the cleric connecting the parish with the wider community or providing for the parish in ways that exceed common expectation?

It is often very difficult for a lay person to assess the effectiveness of a cleric's ministry since ministry is often confidential and is conducted in a one-on-one setting. Also, the outward manifestations of effective ministry are difficult to consistently measure. For example, a decrease in church attendance may reflect demographic shifts rather than the abilities of the cleric. Along with this, clerical ministry must never be considered in isolation from the parish ministry. The clergy can not accomplish what the parish is not willing to support.

If the wardens or cleric wish assistance in this discussion, please be in contact with your territorial archdeacon or the Director of Human Resources, Jennifer McLaughlin at jmclaughlin@huron.anglican.ca

2025 Clergy Compensation Sheet for Payroll

Effective Date of 2025 Increase: _____ Credited Years of Service: _____

Clergy Name _____

Address _____ Clergy phone # _____

_____ Church phone # _____

Parish Name _____ City/Town _____

A. **STIPEND** (do NOT include housing, utilities, travel, or utilities reimbursement)

\$ _____ /year

→ **Please indicate if less than full-time (e.g. 50%, 75% etc)** _____

B. MINIMUM CASH HOUSING

Zone A: \$19,630/yr _____

Zone B: \$23,555 /yr _____

Above minimum: \$ _____ /yr

C. CLERGY IN RECTORIES – Fair Rental Value \$ _____ /year

Note: Fair Rental value is to be reviewed annually by church wardens and formally evaluated by an independent assessor every five years.

→ C (1). **UTILITIES** (Heat, Hydro, Water, Basic Phone and Internet Connection. Rectory utilities or housing utilities **paid by the parish**. This should be the actual amount or as close as possible. Central Payroll will make the appropriate calculations.

DO NOT add to Stipend figure above. Amount \$ _____ /year

D. AUTHORIZATION

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Clergyperson)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Churchwarden)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Churchwarden)

Parish Treasurer or Paymaster (Payroll Contact) Name: _____

Email: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

Please mail, email or fax completed copies to:

Payroll Diocese of Huron, 190 Queens Ave. London, Ontario N6A 6H7

Phone: 519 434 6893 x 234

Fax #: (519) 673-4151

Email: payroll@huron.anglican.ca

2025 Lay Staff Compensation Sheet for Payroll

Churches are encouraged to increase lay staff salaries by at least 3.6% for cost of living in 2025.

Employee Name _____ Effective Date of 2025 Increase: _____

Address _____ **✓ if new address** _____

Parish Name _____ City/Town _____

Annual Salary \$ _____ /year **Monthly Salary** \$ _____ /month

Hourly Pay \$ _____ /hour Hours must be submitted the first week of the month for the previous month

Minimum wage in Ontario is \$17.20/hour effective October 1, 2024. The Diocese encourages paying a living wage. <https://www.ontariolivingwage.ca/rates>

Number of hours worked per month _____

VACATION PAY

Add to each pay _____% (minimum 4% for employees under 5 years; 6% if over 5 years)
Or

Paid vacation days included in salary. **Indicate # of paid vacation days per year** _____

AUTHORIZATION

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Churchwarden)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Churchwarden)

Parish Treasurer or Paymaster (Payroll Contact) Name: _____

Email: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

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For Office Use

Parish _____ Div/Dept _____

Location _____ Employee No _____

Lay Benefits _____ Lay Pension _____

APPENDIX C

How to Keep a Mileage Log

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) states that keeping an accurate logbook of business travel maintained for an entire year is the best evidence you can have to support your motor vehicle expense claims.

The following information should be recorded in the log book each time the vehicle is used for business purposes:

- the date,
- the starting point,
- the destination,
- the purpose of your trip;
- the vehicle starting mileage,
- the vehicle ending mileage,
- the total kilometers driven.

Sample Mileage Log

Mileage log books are typically available at office supply stores or you can use the following template which can be copied into a Word, Excel or similar office document by selecting the text and using copy/paste (using Windows, outline the text to be selected with the mouse, and hit CTRL-C to copy and CTRL-V to paste).

Vehicle Mileage/Expense Log Year ____ Odometer on Jan. 1 ____							
Date	Mileage Start	Mileage End	Mileage Total	Business Purpose	Park\$	Tolls\$	Other\$

Automatic Mileage Tracking

Manually entering trip information in a log book is tedious, particularly if you make a lot of business trips.

Fortunately, there are several mileage tracking applications available for Apple and Android smartphones that make use of the phones GPS to keep track of every mile/kilometre driven for business purposes. For a small monthly fee the app will log your business trip information and enable you to download a mileage summary your tax return.

Some of the more popular mileage tracking apps (fees may apply) include: [MileIQ](#) (IOS and Android), [Mileage Expense Log](#) (IOS only), [TripLog](#) (IOS and Android)