

**Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey  
Corporation for the Relief of Widows, Widowers,  
and Children of Members of the Clergy of the  
Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of  
New Jersey**

**Report to the 229th Annual Diocesan Convention**

The Corporation for the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Children of the Clergy (CWWC) of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New Jersey was established in 1807 to provide financial assistance to widows, widowers and children upon the death of clergy in the Diocese of Newark and the Diocese of New Jersey.

Since it has been some time since the program has been publicized in the Diocese of New Jersey, an email describing the program was sent to all clergy at the end of January 2013. Earlier that month, the program was described, at a Fresh Start meeting, to recently appointed clergy in the Diocese. In addition, an announcement of the program was published on the diocesan website early in February 2013, along with the application form. The application form and information will reside in the clergy section of the website.

All clergy - presbyters and deacons - of the church, not over 55 years of age, who have been for not less than one year canonically and actually resident within the State of New Jersey can participate. The annual contribution is \$20. Membership continues even if you move out of state, as long as the first three years of membership occurred within the State of New Jersey.

Benefits are paid to a surviving spouse/domestic partner/civil union partner. The beneficiary receives an annual annuity of \$120 for life, with additional payment of \$60 each for minor children to the age of 21. In addition, surplus income of the Fund is divided among the beneficiaries of deceased contributors. (In 2012, the total payment per beneficiary was \$858.)

The Diocese of Newark and the Diocese of New Jersey jointly manage this program with administration alternating between dioceses every three years. The Diocese of New Jersey assumed responsibility for the program in this rotation in the summer of 2011. Duties include billing for annual contributions, distribution of benefits, and supporting the corporation board.

The Annual Meeting of the governing board will meet on Tuesday, June 4 to approve new contributors and to conduct the business of the Corporation. The staff of the Diocese of New Jersey has reviewed the program's fundamental laws, which have not been updated in some time, in order to recommend revisions to reflect current practices and potential administration streamlining at the June meeting.

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Canon Phyllis Jones, Chief Financial Officer  
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