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## CLERGY - RELIEF FUND

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(to be read in conjunction with the *Clergy Relief Fund Statute 2016*)

### 1 THE COMMITTEE

The Clergy Relief Fund Committee established under Section 5 of the 'Clergy Relief Fund Statute 2016' is responsible for the management and administration of the Fund in accordance with Sections 7 the Statute which provides as follows:

*“The Committee may in its sole discretion use the monies in the Clergy Relief Fund for the relief of Clergy and their dependants”.*

### 2 LOANS

The Fund may provide contributors to the Fund with an interest free loan of up to \$5000 towards the cost of detailed financial planning or another purpose approved by the Committee, such loan to be repaid over a period not exceeding 60 months and must be repaid in full prior to retirement.

### 3 GRANTS AND LOANS

Grants or interest-free loans from the Fund **may** be made in the case of **hardship** described hereunder:

**Hardship** – defined as severe suffering or privation likely to impact unreasonably upon the clergy person's or their family's standard of living and adjudged to be so by the Committee upon written evidence including a submission by the person involved or a Bishop.

*Except that the Committee **will** make a grant or interest-free loan up to \$1200 without adjudging hardship where an eligible person incurs unexpected expenses necessitous to daily living and a Bishop considers such a grant or loan to be pastorally appropriate to relieve temporary financial stress.*

### 4 ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS

The following persons or as otherwise determined by the Committee are eligible for grants from the Fund:

- 1 Contributors to the Fund
- 2 Retired clergy
- 3 The widow or widower of a deceased clergy person
- 4 The executor of clergy and their dependents
- 5 Non-stipended clergy and,
- 6 dependants of all clergy within classes 1 to 5 above