

**54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Convention  
of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i  
October 22, 2022**

**TITLE:** 2023 Minimum Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

**SPONSOR:** Diocesan Clergy Compensation Review Committee

**CONTACT NAME:** David "Kawika" Jackson, Chair

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2023 Minimum Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i be adopted.

**RATIONALE/ EXPLANATION**

Recognizing that Hawai'i's cost of living is one of the highest in the nation, the Committee supports maintaining a competitive compensation level to attract and retain talented, dynamic, entrepreneurial, and vibrant clergy. The committee noted that compared with other dioceses, the Diocese of Hawai'i pays the most before adjusting for cost of living, and yet our diocese ranks in the middle when clergy compensation is adjusted for cost of living.

At the time of this writing, the US economy faces the economic backlash from the COVID pandemic of a rare combination of soaring inflation (at a 40-year high) and possible signs of an approaching recession. As we continue to wrestle with the continuing impact of the global pandemic, we note that as of the end of June 2022 the increase in the federal Consumer Price Index (CPI-W – Urban Wage Earners and Clerical) was 6.6%, while for Hawai'i it was 6.0%.

Recognizing this and the fact that the Committee is aware of the impact of such economic dynamics on the livelihoods of both churches and clergy, the Committee recommends that the 2023 Minimum Clergy Compensation Schedule include an increase of 5.5%.

Please consult the tables below of church sizes and clergy years of ordained service, factoring in the proposed 5.5% increase. Said tables reflect the same church categories as laid out in the 2022 Resolution. The top shows calculations without taking into account the employer portion of the SECA; the bottom are the same calculations but including the employer portion of the SECA.

In addition, the Committee has taken a broader look this past year at all aspects to do with calculating clergy compensation. We recognize that those who now attend our services do so in a variety of ways, not least via livestream, websites, and social media. This has advanced and intensified due to need for social distancing during the Coronavirus pandemic. This past year of 2021-22 was especially unwieldy in that some congregations include such remote numbers while others do not. In addition, we wish to be in alignment with our parochial reports, which now ask for remote viewership figures. We are still working on a way to include those figures within the tables that we use for Clergy Compensation that both honors the engaging ministry of remote outreach as well as does not unfairly affect the local compensation finances of our congregations. Please pray for the Committee as we continue to wrestle with this vital question.

Congregations are strongly encouraged to talk honestly with their clergy about ministerial performance and take that into consideration in their compensation. It is strongly recommended that annual salary negotiations at the church level be carried out with prayerful candor, clarity and, most importantly, in Christian love.

As in recent years, the Committee recommends that mileage be reimbursed at the current IRS rate, rather than clergy receiving an auto allowance. The intention is not to eliminate the automobile allowance that some clergy have negotiated in their letters of agreement, rather the intention is that all new letters of agreement use the mileage reimbursement method to cover automobile expenses instead of an auto allowance.

Throughout this document “workweek” refers to five (5) days for a full-time rector. For part-time clergy employees, refer to the cleric’s Letter of Agreement (for example, if a part-time cleric works 3 days each week, a “workweek” of vacation would also be 3 days).

Regarding Mutual Ministry Review: Compensation provides a means by which Congregations enable Priests to exercise and express a professional vocation entrusted by God and affirmed by the Church. Inherent to the sacred trust shared by Priest and Congregation is the mutuality and accountability of communion. The following schedule and terms articulate the shape and expression of this mutuality and communion by providing the minimum expectations of compensation and professional support, according to various conditions necessary for life and ministry in the Diocese of Hawai‘i. These minimum expectations articulate the base by which we support and affirm the ministry and leadership of our Priests. As an important part of our mutuality of ministry and life in communion, compensation must be considered and developed with clear expectations of ministry and presence. In order to achieve this, all Priests providing ministry and leadership beyond supply ministry will have a mutually agreed-upon Letter of Agreement, Position Description (to include a statement of ministry and professional goals), and biennial Mutual Ministry Review. This Mutual Ministry Review should discern and provide for the continued mutual life, ministry and vitality shared by Priest and Congregation.

Materials, resources, and guidance for Letters of Agreement, Position Descriptions, and Mutual Ministry Reviews are available from the Diocesan Support Center.

An agreement among the Clergy, Wardens and Vestry/Bishop’s Committee to a biennial discussion and mutual review of the total ministry of the Parish/Mission allows for the following:

- The opportunity to assess how well they are fulfilling their responsibilities to each other and to the ministry they share,
- The establishment of goals for the work of the Parish/Mission for the coming year(s),
- The identification of areas of conflict or disappointment that may be adversely affecting mutual ministry which may then be addressed appropriately, and
- The clarification of expectations of all parties to help reduce possible future conflicts and if any occur, make them more manageable.

2023 Minimum Clergy Compensation WITHOUT (Employer Portion of) SECA  
The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

Compensation				
Category	0 thru 4 Years Minimum	5 thru 9 Years Minimum	10 thru 19 Years Minimum	20+ Years Minimum
1	101,916	114,552	127,272	137,376
2	92,628	104,148	115,728	124,944
3	84,168	94,812	105,348	113,868
4	77,988	86,748	96,384	103,320

This table does NOT include self-employment tax.

Compensation includes salary, housing and utilities.

*Numbers aren rounded so that when divided by 12 months, the monthly amount is a whole number*

2023 Minimum Clergy Compensation (Employer portion of) SECA INCLUDED  
The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

Compensation				
Category	0 thru 4 Years Minimum	5 thru 9 Years Minimum	10 thru 19 Years Minimum	20+ Years Minimum
1	109,716	123,312	137,016	147,888
2	99,732	112,128	124,584	134,508
3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228

This table INCLUDES self-employment tax.

Compensation includes salary, housing and utilities and the employer's portion of the SECA tax.

*Numbers are rounded so that when divided by 12 months, the monthly amount is a whole number*

**1) FULL-TIME POSITIONS**

- a) The compensation categories and ranges are intended to be used as a framework within which the Vestry/Bishop's Committee and the clergy negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation. The compensation ranges are based on "years of service" to provide a guide for compensation increases as years of service increase. This compensation schedule sets the minimum for churches in the Diocese of Hawai'i. "Years of service" means the number of years of status as a clergyperson in good standing in The Episcopal Church. In Parishes, compensation is negotiated between the clergyperson and the vestry. For Missions, compensation is negotiated between clergy and the Bishop's Committee with the approval of the Bishop. Credit for prior years of service as an ordained person in good standing in another denomination is negotiated between the clergy and the Vestry/Bishop's Committee with the approval of the Bishop. With respect to clergy newly called or appointed to a congregation, the Vestry/Bishop's Committee is required to notify the Diocesan Support Center as to the number of years of service at which they enter the Compensation Schedule approved by Diocesan Convention
- b) Clergy in charge of parishes or missions must be paid at least the minimum of the applicable category with salary reviews at least annually. Congregations and clergy should schedule and hold a biennial Mutual Ministry Review, complete with clear goals

and objectives, mutual accountabilities and shared expectations by both the laity and the clergy.

- c) These categories are minimums and should be used as a starting point for salary negotiations. Vestries/Bishop's Committees shall seriously consider appropriate compensation.
- d) For ease of administration, all compensation figures will be rounded up into amounts divisible by 12.
- e) For clergy who are paid a cash housing allowance, the amount of housing allowance shall be determined by the clergy and each Vestry/Bishop's Committee, working in consultation with their clergy, shall approve a resolution determining housing allowances. The housing allowance adjustment called for in the resolution is enacted only on money earned after the resolution is passed. Typically, this Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirement shall be completed by December 31 for the following year.
- f) The value of Church-supplied housing shall be determined on a case-by-case basis at the congregational level.
- g) The minimum compensation for full-time assistants, associates or curates shall be the amount reflected in the Minimum Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy using years of service and a Category 4 congregation.
- h) Clergy must not be paid less than the previous year, unless there is a change to time/work hours.

## **2) PART-TIME POSITIONS**

- a) Part-time clergy in charge of congregations will be paid according to the applicable range above, times the percent as agreed for the position.

## **3) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

- a) Automobile expenses will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate of cents per mile.
- b) The congregation will pay the mandatory Church Pension Fund Assessment for clergy per Church Pension Group (CPG) requirements or criteria.
- c) Group Life Insurance is provided by the Church Pension Fund to clergy at no cost to the congregation.
- d) Sections III.e-III.g below apply to full-time employees (both clergy and lay employees) who work at least 40 hours per week.
- e) The congregation generally offers full-time employees the Diocesan Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Plan (for exceptions, please apply to the Diocesan Support Center). Under the plan, the congregation pays for full family medical coverage.
- f) Spousal health insurance coverage: If the spouse or civil union partner of a clergy or lay employee is employed and insurance is provided (offered and paid for) by the spouse's or civil union partner's employer, the spouse or civil union partner will not be covered at the church's or Diocese's expense. If the employed spouse or civil union partner declines coverage from his/her employer and chooses to be on the church's or Diocese's plan, the employee is responsible for the spouse's or civil union partner's premium.
- g) Dependent health insurance coverage: Dependents of eligible full-time employees are eligible for coverage under the Diocese's health plan up to the age of 26, regardless of the child's financial dependency, residency with the employee, student status, or employment. However, the Diocese does not offer dual coverage. Therefore, if a

dependent is covered under another health plan the Diocese will not pay the premium for that dependent. The full premium for the dependent will need to be paid for by the employee for any dependent with dual coverage.

- h) The congregation will pay the cost of Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage.
- i) The Temporary Disability Insurance Plan for clergy is provided by the Church Pension Fund at no cost to the congregation.
- j) Full-time clergy are entitled to four (4) workweeks of annual vacation with full stipend and allowances. This vacation time cannot be more than six (6) workweeks in any one (1) year, except by the agreement of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee and with the consent of the Bishop in Aided Parishes and Missions (in other words, no more than two (2) work weeks can be carried over to the following year). If the cleric works less than a full calendar year, the vacation will be prorated. Congregations should encourage clergy to take vacation.
- k) Members of the clergy who have been employed by the church for at least one (1) full year are entitled to leave for the birth or adoption of a child for a minimum of eight (8) weeks with full compensation. Up to an additional four (4) workweeks may be taken without pay, or using vacation or sick time. If both clergy spouses are employed at the same employer within the Diocese, they are limited to a combined total of sixteen (16) workweeks of paid Parental Leave. Leave must be taken within twelve (12) months of the birth or adoption.
- l) Clergy giving birth shall submit a claim for short-term disability through the Church Pension Group, which will reimburse the employer for 70% of the cleric's total compensation figure (up to \$1,000/week) for up to twelve (12) weeks. Adoptive parents will receive the same time off with pay as birth parents, but will not be entitled to file a disability claim.

#### **4) PART-TIME EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

- a) Automobile expenses will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate of cents per mile.
- b) The congregation will pay the mandatory Church Pension Fund assessment per CPG requirements or criteria.
- c) Part-time employees (both clergy and lay employees) who work at least 20 hours per week for four consecutive weeks are eligible for coverage on the Diocesan HMO plan at no cost to the employee.
- d) Spousal health insurance coverage: Spouses or civil union partners of part-time employees are not eligible for coverage.
- e) Dependent health insurance coverage:
  - i) Dependents of part-time employees who work at least 30 hours per week are eligible for coverage under the Diocese's health plan up to age 26, regardless of the dependent's financial dependence, residency with the employee, student status, or employment. The employee is responsible for the full premium for his/her dependent's coverage.
  - ii) Dependents of part-time employees who work less than 30 hours per week are not eligible for coverage under the Diocese's health plan.
- f) The congregation will pay the cost of Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage.
- g) The Temporary Disability Insurance Plan for part-time clergy is provided by the Church Pension Fund.

- h) Part-time clergy are entitled to four (4) workweeks of annual vacation with agreed stipend and allowances. This vacation time cannot be more than six (6) workweeks in any one year except by the agreement of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee and with the consent of the Bishop in Aided Parishes and Missions (in other words, no more than two (2) workweeks can be carried over to the following year). If the cleric works less than a full calendar year, the vacation will be prorated. Congregations should encourage clergy to take vacation.

## **5) OTHER**

- a) Moving Expenses: Clergy will receive an allowance for moving expenses from the US mainland, typically in the range of \$12,000 to \$20,000 depending on location.
- b) Sabbatical: Clergy are eligible for sabbatical leave at the ratio of one month per year of service in the congregation, to be available after the third year, and cumulative through the fourth year. The maximum amount of leave is limited to four months. The Vestry/Bishop's Committee shall annually budget funds to accumulate to provide pastoral and sacramental supply during the clergyperson's sabbatical leave. Sabbatical leaves are provided for the benefit of both the congregation and clergy. Thus, before a sabbatical leave is granted, clergy must agree to serve the congregation for at least one year upon returning from the sabbatical. In addition, the request for sabbatical must be accompanied by a full and detailed description of the activities to be undertaken during the leave and, if granted, clergy shall submit to the Bishop and the Vestry/Bishop's Committee at the end of the leave, a report on the accomplishments of the leave. Accrued but not taken sabbatical leave can be carried over to following years in the same parish/mission. Accrued but not taken sabbatical leave is not paid out at retirement.
- c) Continuing Education: Clergy are required by Canon and Diocesan policy to continue their education. The congregation should provide funds in its annual budget for this continuing education. The minimum recommended amount is \$1,020/year. This amount should accumulate if unused and may carry over to the next year. This fund should also be available for sabbatical expenses.

## **6) SUPPLY CLERGY COMPENSATION**

- a) The minimum compensation for Saturday evening/Sunday supply clergy shall be as follows:
  - i) One service: \$187
  - ii) Two services: \$249
  - iii) Each additional service: \$124
  - iv) Clergy will be reimbursed for travel (mileage, airfare, etc.), overnight parking and housing (if necessary).

CONGREGATIONAL COMPENSATION CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	WEIGHTED FIGURES (SEE (E) BELOW)
4	1 TO 90
3	91 TO 140
2	141 TO 230
1	231 and above

2023 CONGREGATIONAL COMPENSATION CATEGORY  
COMPUTATION WORKSHEET BASED ON  
2020 PAROCHIAL REPORT DATA

**Number of Pledging Units**

Number of Pledging Units \_\_\_\_\_

Multiplied by .40 = \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

**Average Sunday Attendance** (due to 2020 Pandemic shutdown, this number is for Jan.-Mar. only)

Average Sunday Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Multiplied by .30 = \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

**Plate and Pledge Income**

Plate and Pledge Income in \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Multiplied by .30 = \_\_\_\_\_ (C)

**BARC (Adult Baptisms age 16+, plus receptions and confirmations)**

Plus BARC= \_\_\_\_\_ (D)

**TOTAL OF WEIGHTED FIGURES (A + B + C + D = E)** \_\_\_\_\_ (E)

Anyone who has questions on how to use these worksheets and compensation categories, ranges and tables may contact the Diocesan Clergy Compensation Review Committee Chair, and/or the Rev. Cn. Sandy Graham, Canon to the Bishop.

**2023 COMPENSATION BASED ON 2020 (due to pandemic) PAROCHIAL REPORT DATA**

**ALPHABETICAL**

CHURCH	No. of Pledging Units	Avg Sunday Attend	Plate+Pledge Income	BARC	Weighted Totals	Categories	0 thru 4 years	5 thru 9 years	10 thru 19 years	20+ years
ALL SAINTS	61	96	229,516	1	123	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
CALVARY	17	23	75,955	0	36	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
CHRIST CHURCH	31	67	169,410	0	83	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
CHRIST MEMORIAL	0	48	62,314	10	43	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
EMMANUEL	34	45	125,278	0	65	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
EPIPHANY	60	77	168,754	1	99	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
GOOD SAMARITAN	25	20	37,341	1	28	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
GOOD SHEPHERD	72	107	138,746	0	103	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
GRACE	15	39	29,700	0	27	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
HOLY APOSTLES'	56	110	269,316	0	136	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
HOLY INNOCENTS'	26	37	94,458	0	50	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
HOLY NATIVITY	42	60	140,567	0	77	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. ANDREW'S	106	212	287,880	6	198	2	99,732	112,128	124,584	134,508
ST. AUGUSTINE'S	29	65	82,660	0	56	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S	71	91	199,321	1	116	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
ST. CLEMENT'S	70	96	221,108	0	123	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
ST. ELIZABETH'S	61	166	158,224	0	122	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
ST. JAMES'	170	226	423,561	3	266	1	109,716	123,312	137,016	147,888
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	12	20	13,039	2	17	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. JOHN'S, KULA	70	98	266,642	0	137	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
ST. JOHN'S BY/SEA	29	28	33,454	0	30	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. JUDE'S	27	35	52,096	0	37	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. LUKE'S	32	27	48,392	1	36	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. MARK'S	64	124	244,564	0	136	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
ST. MARY'S	21	89	58,273	0	53	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. MATTHEW'S	0	12	30,878	0	13	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. MICHAEL'S	58	130	249,724	0	137	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
ST. PAUL'S OAHU	71	182	163,696	7	139	3	90,612	102,072	113,412	122,580
ST. PETER'S	74	117	303,448	1	157	2	99,732	112,128	124,584	134,508
ST. STEPHEN'S	22	22	73,810	40	78	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
ST. TIMOTHY'S	49	84	145,586	2	90	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
TRINITY BY/SEA	28	52	74,244	1	50	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228
WEST KAUAI	30	38	62,133	0	42	4	83,952	93,384	103,752	111,228

For 2023 (and future years) above numbers **INCLUDE** the employer portion of the SECA tax.

## ADDENDUM TO MINIMUM CLERGY COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

### **Examples:**

1. Clergy with 5 years of service is called to serve in a Category 4 church. Minimum compensation should be \$82,224. As a minimum this should be used as a starting point in the negotiation. Vestries/Bishop's Committees should seriously consider appropriate compensation.
2. Clergy with 20 years of service is called to serve in a Category 2 Parish. Minimum compensation should be \$118,428. As a minimum this should be used as a starting point in the negotiation. Vestries/Bishop's Committees should seriously consider appropriate compensation.
3. Clergy with 25 years of service is called to serve as a part salary vicar in a Category 4 Mission. The position is for 50% of salary. Minimum compensation should be \$48,966 (\$97,932 divided by 2 = \$48,966). As a minimum this should be used as a starting point in the negotiation. Vestries/Bishop's Committees should seriously consider appropriate compensation.
4. Clergy with 2 years of service is called to serve in a Category 3 church. Minimum compensation should be \$79,776. However, due to the parameters of the search and the scarcity of applicants, the congregation agreed to pay the clergy \$85,000.

### **Some Definitions:**

Years of service is defined as the number of years since ordination to the diaconate or the number of years since the clergy person's orders were received into the Episcopal Church. Years of service for clergy ordained in churches in full communion with the Episcopal Church is defined as the number of years since ordination to the diaconate.

Years of service for ELCA pastors serving the diocese is defined as years since ordination as a Lutheran pastor.

If the clergy person was ordained mid-year the years of service on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year being used for budgeting purposes is rounded down. (For example: a person ordained 4.5 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup> would be determined to have 4 years of service for budgeting purposes.)