

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF OREGON

Proposed Amendment to

CANON 5.4

OF CANONICAL OFFERINGS – Submitted by Diocesan Council

Sec. 1. The offering, on the occasion of the regular episcopal visitation of the Bishop, in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese and paid into the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to be used in assisting persons preparing for the Ordained Ministry or for emergencies for which other funds are not available.

Sec. 2. Each Parish and Mission shall designate at least 1% of its budget for theological education and transmit such sum to the Treasurer of the Diocese. In Lieu of such payment each Parish and Mission shall take up a special offering for theological education on the Sunday closest to the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Day (January 25) (unless some other Sunday is appointed by the Vestry of the Parish or the Vicar of the Mission.) The offering, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese, to be forwarded to the Seminary of the Church designated by the Priest in Charge of the Parish or Mission.

Sec. 3. The offering in conjunction with Thanksgiving Day, in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese. The offering shall be ~~used as~~ given to the Fund for the Poor and Homeless unless otherwise designated by Diocesan Council.

Sec. 4. The offering on Pentecost Sunday, in each Parish and Mission of the Diocese, not otherwise restricted by the donor, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese. The offering shall be used as designated by Diocesan Council.

Rationale: For some time it has been the custom of the Diocesan Council to designate the Thanksgiving Offering to the Fund for the Poor and Homeless. This proposed canonical change presupposes that in typical years that designation would be the desire of Council but allows the provision for some special one-time alternative designation should the need arise.