

Constitution and Canons

CANON 10 CONGREGATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

1. A Congregation shall:
 - A. provide a stipend and travel expenses as laid down in the Diocesan Scale, or
 - B. apply for assistance from their Deanery Council or otherwise provide for the support of a cleric, whether full-time, part-time or non-stipendiary, in a mutually satisfactory manner
 - C. make Fair Share payments to the Synod as per the contribution calculated by the Diocesan Executive Council.
 - D. Hold an annual vestry meeting to review the congregation's audited annual financial statement, approve a budget and elect church wardens as required by Canon 15;
 - E. Submit to Church House the annual reports as outlined in Canon 23;
 - F. Offer regular worship opportunity including the Holy Eucharist;
 - G. Have the congregation's elected representative participate in all Deanery Council and Synod meetings;
 - H. Maintain any buildings so as to provide a safe and secure environment for the worship, work and mission of the congregation.

2. DEFAULT
 - A. Should any payment of the stipend or travel expenses or the payment of Fair Share to Synod, or insurance, or any other remittances due to the Incorporated Synod or to the Church Society be six months in arrears, the Treasurer shall inform the Parish and its congregations immediately.
 - B. If the Parish is unable to meet its obligations, when informed in accordance with 2.A above, the Bishop shall immediately direct the appointment of a Board of Inquiry.
 - C. The Board of Inquiry shall report in writing to the Bishop within two months of its appointment.

Diocese of Quebec

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- D. Within one month after the report to the Bishop is received, the Bishop shall make his or her decision known to the Parish and Incumbent.
- E. If this decision involves a severance between a Cleric and the Parish, the Bishop shall require the Parish to pay its arrears in full, plus any amount which the Bishop deems warranted in the circumstances, or as required by Canon 13.

No other cleric may be appointed to that Parish unless these conditions have been met.