



Archdeacon and Deacon Director's Conference Spring 2013 Open Space Notes

Deacon Expenses

Bill, North Carolina
Priscilla, Louisiana
Gerald, Western New York
Molly, Central Pennsylvania
Patricia, Delaware

Rules, guidelines, needs

Some assignments are far from homes of deacons

Would like deacon to be part of community – more than just on Sundays

Poorer parishes – would like to have deacons, but how can their expenses be met

Expenses include: serving in parish, in community, diocesan convention, deacon retreat, clergy conference, continuing education

North Carolina:

Letter emphasizes that deacons have expenses

What expenses will be covered are spelled out in the Letter of Agreement

What about travel expenses to deacons assigned to distant parishes.

Sometimes not included, with awareness of deacon

Discursion about diocese having resources to provide funds in some cases

Need a guideline for such assistance

Louisiana:

Bishop insists parishes pay for mileage of over 50 mi. round trip

Deacon's Conference, Clergy Retreat.

Delaware:

Deacon is a line-item in the parish budget.

Parishes with deacons and those in formation contribute an annual amount into a diocesan fund to support more deacons in formation

Western New York

Parishes required to budget for deacon and priest.

Every deacon gets mileage.

Mileage for community ministries often paid out of their own pocket.

Central Pennsylvania

For continuing ed., get \$300 allowance from the parish

For professional expenses, parish must allow \$500 for professional expenses (vestments, convention)

Mileage according to the IRS standards

Diocese pays 1/3, parish pays 1/3, deacon pays 1/3.

Discretionary funds for deacons, archdeacons?

Some parishes have pooled funds