

# THE HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTION AND COLLECTIONS ORDINANCE 2001

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## **An Ordinance to regulate contributions from the Parishes and Pastoral Districts for mission and to require collections for the Home Mission Fund and Ordination Candidates Fund**

**WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient for this Synod to promote the sustenance of the Home Mission Fund and the Ordination Candidates Fund **THIS SYNOD NOW DETERMINES**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as “The Home Missions Contribution and Collections Ordinance 2001”. *Title*
2. In this Ordinance the term Parish shall also include a Pastoral District. *Interpretation*
3. Diocesan Council shall annually at the time of the preparation of the Budget set an amount to be raised from the parishes for mission to be called “the Mission Contribution” *Mission Contribution*
4. The Mission Contribution will be apportioned among the parishes on the basis of the ratio of each parish’s assessment to the whole of the last determined diocesan assessment. *Ratio*
5. The amount apportioned for each parish under section 4 shall be the Mission Contribution Target Amount (hereinafter called “the Target”) *Target*
6. The proceeds from the Mission Contribution shall be divided between the Home Mission Fund and The Ordination Candidates Fund. *Division*
7. Any parish, which shall in any year have paid less than the amount of the Target set for it and approved by the Diocesan Council in respect of the Mission Contribution shall nevertheless be deemed to have complied with the provisions of this Ordinance. *Compliance*
8. As part of the process of raising the Mission Contribution in the parishes there shall be two specific voluntary collections by envelope as follows: *Voluntary Contributions*
  - (a) a voluntary collection made during the month of June and no later than the last Sunday in June for the Ordination Candidates Fund; and
  - (b) a voluntary collection made during the month of September and no later than the last Sunday in September for the Home Mission Fund.
9. Diocesan Council may regulate the voluntary collections by envelope as it sees fit and may provide information on the Mission Contribution to raise consciousness or to further the goals of the Ordination Candidates Fund and the Home Mission Fund. *Information on Goals*
10. Parish Treasurers shall remit moneys raised from these collections to the Diocese with their monthly returns and the amount received shall be credited against the Target set for the Mission Contribution under section 3 of this Ordinance. *Remittance*
11. Diocesan Council may from time to time make regulations for the execution of this Ordinance and may exercise discretion in the amounts required from parishes to provide for the good governance of this Ordinance. *Diocesan Council*