

**Subject:** Update to COVID-19 Assessment Waiver Program

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Dear Friend:

The US Department of Health and Human Services' declaration of a federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 expired on May 11, 2023.

Beginning on September 1, 2023, the temporary waiver of assessments The Church Pension Fund offered for clergy participating in The Church Pension Fund Clergy Pension Plan and the International Clergy Pension Plan will end and we will no longer accept applications for assessment waivers. Any outstanding waivers will be honored.

**Waivers We Granted**

In 2020, we announced that we would accept applications for temporary waivers of clergy pension assessments for up to four months. Through June 30, 2023, The Church Pension Fund granted nearly 1,300 pension assessment waivers across 55 dioceses. Clergy covered by the assessment waivers continued to accrue Credited Service during the period that their pension assessments were waived.

Given the duration of the pandemic and its impact on struggling congregations, we admire the resilience of the Church and, as always, are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

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