

Report of the Committee on Ministers' Compensation

The Committee on Ministers' Compensation did not meet this year. A survey of standard clergy compensation gleaned from the internet from major and minor denominations revealed that RE clergy are still underpaid by any equitable standard. There seemed to be no reason to convene a meeting to simply reiterate past analyses. We encourage our parishes to do whatever they can honorably do to fairly compensate their clergy.

Bishop Hicks also asked this committee to investigate possible opportunities for clergy to find or be provided with health insurance.

We were directed to Mr. John Raskin of Emery and Webb Insurance who was a GREAT help and provided much good advice. Mr. Raskin spent a lot of effort in our behalf. Alas, he was unable to come up with anything that would have been applicable to our clergy as a group.

Mr. Raskin then referred us to Mr. Andrew Dascoli of Cornell Insurance who specializes in health insurance as an employee benefit specialist. Mr. Dascoli has in depth knowledge of the health insurance market and has offered to help our clergy on an individual basis. He has agreed to offer his services to any of our clergy who would like his assistance.

Mr. Raskin plans to attend our Diocesan Council and will be available there. He can also be reached at jraskin@emerywebb.com or at 800-508-5132. Mr. Raskin is very familiar with Mr. Dascoli and recommends him without reservation.

As of this writing Mr. Dascoli will not be at Council but can be reached at 732-902-2420, ext. 153 or via email at adascoli@cornellins.com.

One other option that we discovered was an organization called Medi-Share. This organization is NOT an insurance company but a group of Christian people who come together to cover each other's medical expenses. Participation in Medi-Share does meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. To learn more about Medi-Share call 866-252-7534 or see:

http://mychristiancare2.pth4.calls.net/weblead/PPC/?&mkwid=sU3ilNOHt_dc&pccid=147276190549&pmt=e&pkw=medshare&pmid=&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=medshare&utm_campaign=Google+-+Brand+-+MediShare&leadsource=Internet-Search%20Engine&custentity_urlreferralid=Google+-+Brand+-+MediShare&custentity_urlreferralid=medshare&gclid=CIXTx6214s8CFYRahgod8Q8K_g

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Submitted by Committee Convener, Wayne Headman