

Effective Vestries in Times of Crisis

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What is the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF)?

Independent, lay led organization, founded in 1949

A comprehensive and holistic resource that helps vitalize Episcopal faith communities

Empowers congregations through visioning and planning, leadership development, and raising financial resources for ministry

Through our programs, ECF is building a Church...

- Lay and clergy leaders work together to transform the Church
- Healthy, vital, vibrant Episcopal communities of faith
- Meaningful opportunities for Christian stewardship and effective fundraising
- Innovative, mission-based ways to be the Church of the future



The role of the vestry

Discernment

- Discerns where God is calling the congregation in your location, at this particular point in time

Mission and Vision

- Helps articulate the mission and vision of the congregation

New Leaders

- Identifies new leaders for the congregation and wider Church

Stewards resources

- Manages resources and finances of congregation

What about now?



- Lead by example
- Follow all federal, state and local directives and guidelines
- Pray





- Focus on the essentials
- Don't sweat the small stuff

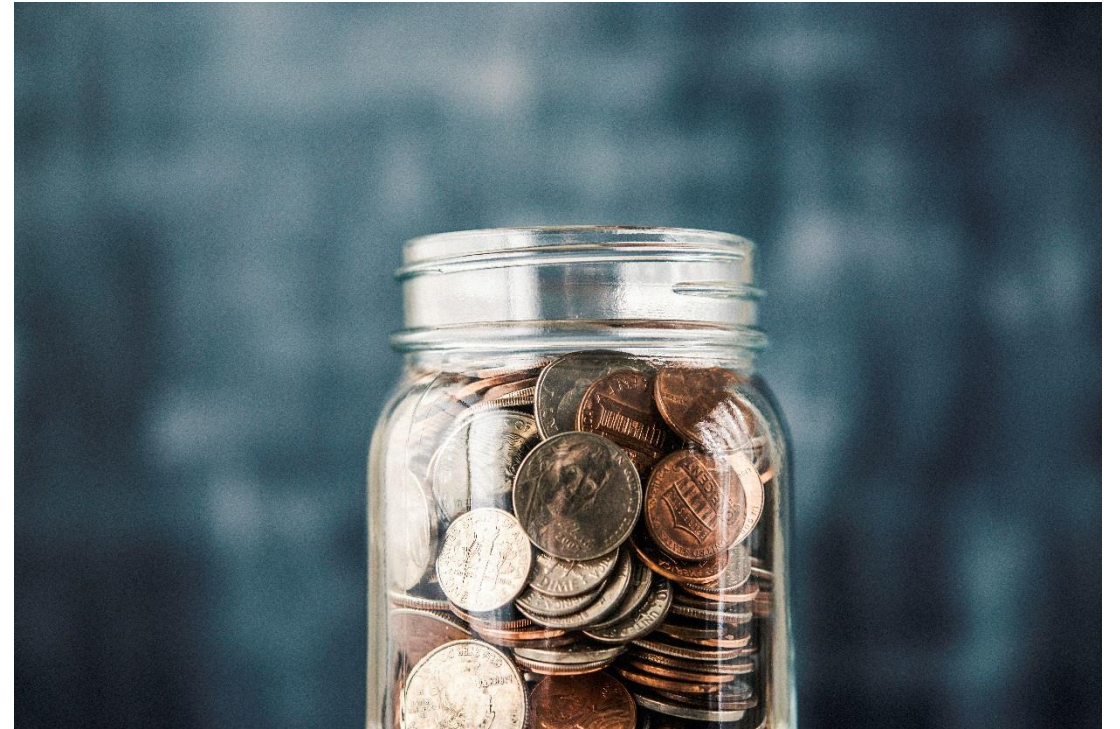
- Stay connected
- Have weekly check-ins
- Communicate





- Feel free to grieve
- Be proactive rather than reactive
- Maintain a non-anxious presence
- Support the Rector and staff

- Think and act like a team
- Maintain Transparency
- Monitor cash flow
- Talk about money





- Stay in the present while planning for the future
- Embrace patience, flexibility and ambiguity

Thank You!

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