Fresh Start Finance Plenary

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Welcome! We'll get started in just a few minutes.

The Diocese of Virginia



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Diocese of Virginia Finance:

DoV Treasurer's Office Web Page

- Need-to-knows
- Audit forms
- Tax Exempt Status

Church Pension Fund CPG Active Clergy Resources

- A Guide to Clergy Benefits
- Guía de Beneficios para el Clérigo
- Clergy Tax Prep Guide

Property, Trustees, and Vestries

- In VA, parish property is held in trust for the Diocese by parish trustees.
- <u>Canonical processes</u> for alienation of property
- Trustees have ONE job: Hold real property for the parish
- Norm: 3 trustees

Audits, gotta love do 'em

- Canonically required
- All funds of the church
- Includes the church discretionary account
- Outside firm: Never required; BP is to use one at transitions
- You will need your audits to be current to apply for church debt and diocesan grants
- It's easier than you think!

Best Practices

- Parochial Report: Due in May; do it in February!
- Audit: Due in August; do it in the spring!
- Audit: External firm at a transition
- Records: They MUST live at the church

Thank you for being here today!

- Places to get a lot of (helpful) information
 - www.cpg.org
 - Diocesan Main Web Page
 - Finance and Management Page
 - **1-800-DIOCESE**
 - 110 West Franklin St., Richmond VA 23220