

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Annual Appeal?

The Annual Appeal is an ongoing campaign focused on raising current use funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges.

Why is this Annual Appeal needed?

This appeal is an opportunity to come together to share God's love even when we may be neighborhoods away. Our essential goal is to provide relief and the required resources to our congregations, schools, and institutions to ensure their ministry thrives, regardless of the obstacles that may arise.

Why are we doing this campaign now?

Each day offers a new circumstance. Our churches and institutions cannot operate in the same ways. We must ensure that our most vulnerable and those surviving week to week have the support to weather any situation.

What happens when I give to the Annual Appeal?

When you support the Annual Appeal, you invest in your brothers and sisters in Christ. This diocese is home to more than 150 congregations, schools, and affiliated institutions. Your donation will empower one more congregation, school, institution to continue its vibrant ministry.

Why shouldn't I give solely to my local congregation instead?

Local support and diocesan support should not be either/or choices. No congregation on its own can accomplish all its goals, and no diocese can succeed independent of its members. This collaboration allows our Church to accomplish the most that it possibly can in times of emergency. Our priority is for local congregations to be supported. The Annual Appeal is the opportunity to have a broader impact for those congregations that cannot support themselves.

How much should I give to the campaign?

Families are asked to prayerfully consider making a meaningful commitment over and above their regular giving. It is our hope that every family will make a donation to the Annual Appeal. We realize that everyone cannot give the same amount as we all have different financial circumstances. Therefore, we are seeking equal sacrifices rather than equal gifts. We ask that each family contribute a sacrificial gift that is meaningful to them.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes, donations to the Annual Appeal are 100% tax deductible. If you have questions or live outside of the United States, please contact your tax advisor.

What methods of payments do you accept?

To make fulfillment of a donation as easy as possible, we are accepting many forms of payment including, but not limited to: credit card, bank account transfer, and check. If you are interested in any of these, please follow the respective prompt on the donation page.

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How can I request a grant?

Grants may be requested by clergy in charge of congregations, heads of school, and directors of diocesan social service institutions on behalf of their respective organizations and staff colleagues. Once applications have been received the Grants Committee will determine distribution of funds.

Will there be full reporting of the appeal?

Yes. The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles will continue to update the Annual Appeal website, reporting on funds raised and funds distributed.