

MSF Standard of Giving:

Article XXI of the diocesan constitution grants convention the power to levy mandatory assessments. Per convention resolutions adopted in 1996 and re-affirmed in 2011, the standard for parish giving is 15% of total normal operating income (TNOI) with a minimum of 12%. TNOI is as reported in line A of the audited parochial report for the year two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied (ref: Episcopal Church Canon I.6.1).

1996 Special Convention

BE IT RESOLVED that we adopt the language of Resolution Two with respect to stressing and developing the vision of our Diocese and to work together to strengthen the stewardship programs of our congregations and our Diocese; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to implement the foregoing principals and to provide adequate funding to the Mission Share Fund, an asking formula for giving by parishes is hereby set at 15% of the Total Normal Operating Income (TNOI) and 12% of the TNOI is hereby established as the minimum formula for giving by parishes to the Mission Share Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the first quarter of each year, working through deanery support teams, the diocese shall assist congregations in helping set their stewardship programs and goals for the year to come. If a parish determines that it is unable to give the minimum formula based on its present TNOI, the vestry shall meet with the deanery support team and shall be open to an invitation to be provided stewardship support and other mutual support from the diocese.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the consensus of this Special Meeting of the Convention that the discussion and process today have been very helpful and we commit to continue this process in the years ahead.

2011 Convention

Resolution regarding the 12% Standard of Giving

RESOLVED, that the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles recommits itself to the 12% standard of giving for parishes agreed to at the 1996 Special Convention and continues to work toward the goal of 15%; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this meeting acknowledges and affirms the commitment of Mission Churches to 10% of pledge and plate that together we uphold these standards in our covenant relationship with the Diocese to support the ministry of the Diocese and larger Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, that to aid the parishes making progress toward living into the commitment, parishes not able to pledge at the 12% level will be asked to meet with the Diocesan Council to secure help in creating a plan to meet this goal.