

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

~ Matthew 25:40

The Sacred Ask is the contribution that our diocese asks our churches to make.

These monies are used to fund our common mission and ministry.



Since 2016, Sacred Asks have been frozen.

The Bishop opened his ministry with a pilgrimage to meet and listen to every parish in the diocese, soon after he froze Sacred Asks. This was part of an effort to place congregations first, doing everything possible to empower our parishes to go out into the world and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We prioritized minimizing the financial impact on parishes, while continually reviewing all our income, expenses, and projections to minimize the burden on our congregations.

In the last eight years, the bishop has reduced staff and restructured roles to serve the diocese first, and the Offices of the Diocese second. Staff have been "out in the field" eight-five percent of their time, leading pilgrimages, Sunday services, vestry meetings and walking the community. We have staffed outreach events alongside our siblings in Christ, answered church phones, and, yes, we have cleaned bathrooms if needed. We are committed to seeing change in our churches and communities.

The diocesan budget has relied on higher distributions from its endowment (7%+) to balance their budget.

In our pursuit of becoming a more "gritty and messy" church, we are committed to a faith that is deeply engaged with the realities of our communities. We aim to be a group of Christians whose priority is journeying alongside the poor, living out our calling through direct, hands-on involvement and meeting people where they are. This approach means embracing the challenges and complexities of real-life ministry, and fostering a church that is both resilient and responsive to the needs of those we serve.



The average giving rate (from churches) across all dioceses in the country is 13%.

At DIOPA, it has been less than 6% since 2016.

With one of the lowest giving rates among dioceses, we still grew in number and reach. We created innovative programs with, and for, our churches; we increased partnering inside and outside the diocese; and what we received went out, back to our churches for evangelism, programming and worship. All while keeping a staff at its lowest number, reorganizing staff positions to serve church needs, sending staff out to churches.

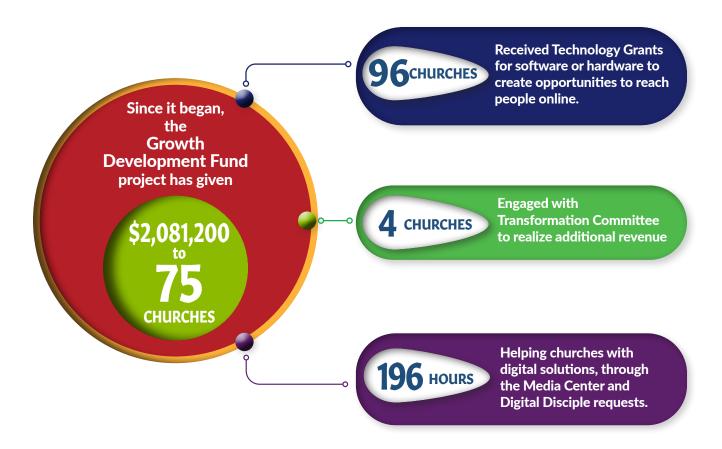


Staff have been
"out in the field"
85% of their time,
leading pilgrimages,
Sunday services,
vestry meetings,
and walking
the community.

No other diocese of our size devotes so many staff and resources to providing direct service to help churches grow.

What we receive goes back to our churches.

In 2023, \$1,094,442 was given to churches to help them reach new audiences, create new ministries and ultimately grow.



All while keeping a staff at its lowest number, reorganizing staff positions to serve church needs, sending staff out to churches.

We run lean. But this is not sustainable for church growth.

In 2025, we will "reset" the Sacred Ask to make it equitable and easy to understand.

This means we will calculate the Sacred Ask as a % of the Normal Operating Income (NOI, line A) off of the prior year Parochial Report. All churches will be asked to give the same % of giving, allowing churches to plan their budgets.







We are setting a goal of 8% giving across the board with the final goal of reaching 10%.

This will enable us to fully realize sacred initiatives that allow us as a diocese to:

- Substantially assist veterans, youth with mental health issues, children with autism, refugees – all those in need in our diocese.
- Create a service organization (501c3) that will free churches from administration to preach the Gospel, as intended.
- Hire an assisting bishop, to provide visitations to churches 18 months instead of every 3 yrs (if we reach 9.5% giving).
- Reduce our draw from the diocesan endowment funds to a sustainable level.





Organized Priorities

Our budget priorities are organized into three main areas:

Empowering Churches (\$1,239,700)

which refers to the resources our churches need to continue to serve their members. This includes:

- A focus on direct service. 85% of senior staff's (canons) time is in the field to lead
 worship services, vestry meetings and retreats; assist with budgeting; and provide
 consultation and training on site.
- **Ministries that support our churches** and their communities. This includes cultural ministries, ministry in Kensington, anti-gun violence, and more.
- Youth programming, which includes providing City Camp in underserved areas of the diocese, safe church training, campus ministry, camp scholarships, and more.
- **Demographic software and tools.** Datastory provides a detailed statistical look into our neighborhoods and gives churches insight on how to engage.
- **Dismantling prejudice and promoting justice** through the work of Anti-Racism, and anti-human trafficking.

\$3.25 million in grants awarded (Over last 5 years)

Stabilization and Growth (\$1,984,700)

which supports current churches and clergy and the creation of new churches and new people. This includes:

- Restarting churches and re-envisioning what church can be. Building on our past success, we will continue to guide churches to find not just stability, but vitality. This work is supported by Casting Nets, Serviam, and consultation from your diocesan staff.
- Church Plants, in traditional and non-traditional models, these new ministries
 may be in storefronts or homes; but we will continue to spread the Gospel in our
 neighborhoods.
 - Creation of churches that serve affinity groups people living with addiction, people that love animals, people living with autism, etc.
- Acts 2 Churches, which continue to reach and serve our underserved siblings in Christ. These outposts are able to have full time clergy support, because of our collective commitment to their ministries.
- Diocesan Council Program Grants for churches that support bilingual ministry, music workshops, feeding and clothing ministries, discipleship and Christian education, and summer programs.
- · Medical Assistance for retired clergy.
- Financial Assistance for clergy, providing help for emergency medical needs, unexpected hardships, and crisis relief.

Fostering Innovation (\$952,300)

which supports creative approaches to strengthening our missions and ministry.

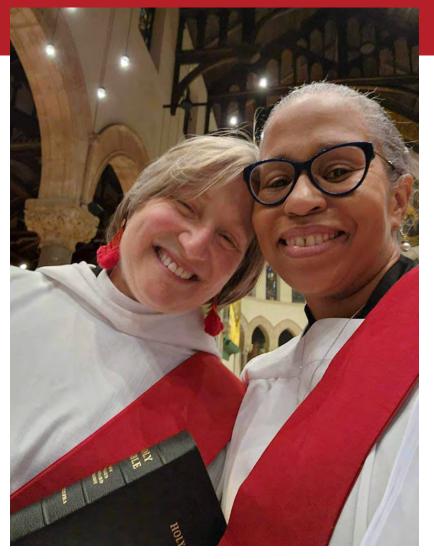
- Technology and communications assistance to spread the Gospel. This includes
 development of church websites, promotion of church events, and onsite assistance
 with livestreaming.
- **Serviam**, the online portal for formation, education and resources continues to add new content and develop new partnerships to better equip our churches and people.
- **Growth and Development Fund Grants.** The only program of its kind to provide \$30k grants to individual churches in order to complete small capital improvement projects in order to further their ability to do ministry.
- **Board of Trustees Mission Committee Grants** that help with emergency repairs and with church infrastructure, especially when it impinges on church ministry.
- **Media Center,** which provides space for production, training in technology, and equipment loans.

Serviam: 310 active users and growing

200+ hours
in technology
consults
for churches

Supporting the Broader Church (\$867,000)

- **TEC Assessment.** Our gift to The Episcopal Church, supports ministries around the world that are focused on evangelism and committed to racial reconciliation and creation care. Ministries that reach youth, military, missioners and refugees. This also supports church pension and insurance. TEC gives millions of dollars in grants to support growing the church through new plants.
- **Global Partnerships.** This diocese extends its footprint where there is need. This includes partnerships and covenantal relationships through the Anglican communion including the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, Jerusalem, Llandaff, and Kenya.



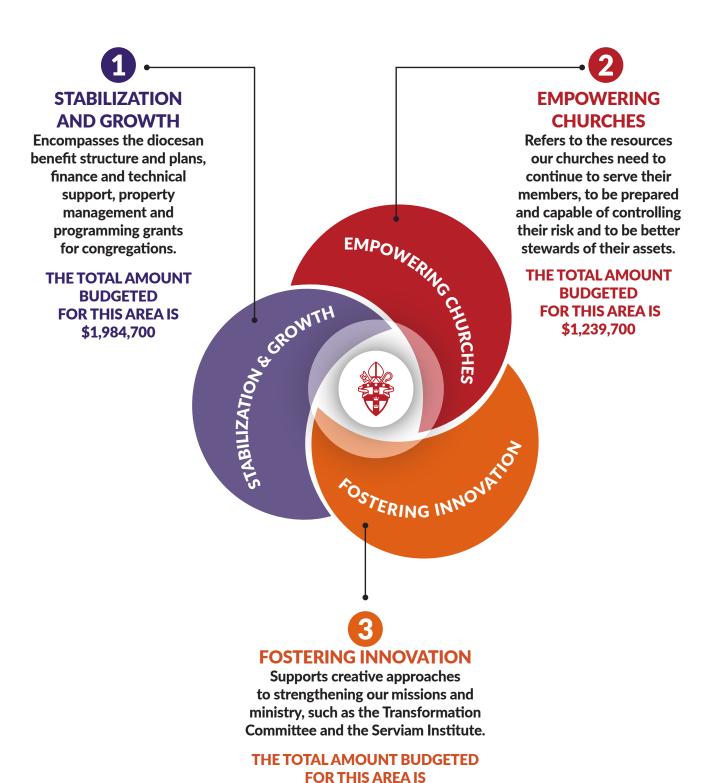
We will work with you to get there.

Our staff and members of the Finance Committee are available to meet with you to further understand your goals and how we can work together.

As we move forward, our commitment is to become a church that fully engages with the realities of those we serve. This means not shying away from the difficulties of ministry but rather diving into the messiness of real-life challenges. We prioritize journeying with the poor, striving to live out our faith through deep, meaningful connections and practical support. Our goal is to embody a resilient and authentic Christianity that meets people where they are, reflecting the true spirit of discipleship and service.



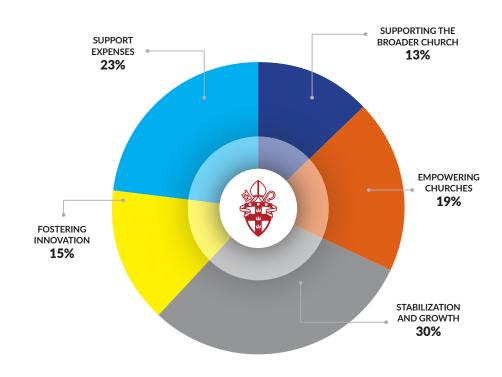
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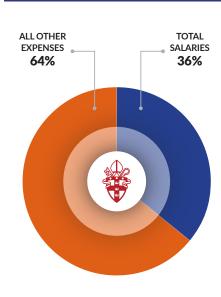
2025 EXPENSES





SUPPORT SUPPORTING THE BROADER CHURCH 13% PROGRAMS FOR

2025 SALARY & OTHER EXPENSES



MINISTRY 64%

The Episcopal Diocesan of Pennsylvania Statement of Activities

1 F	Revenues	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Budget 2024	Proposed Budget 2025	Variance		
2	Sacred Gifts	\$2,551,851	\$2,943,600	\$3,159,700	\$3,079,100	\$ (80,600)		
3	Less-Allowance for Non-Payment	-	(117,700)	(126,400)	(123,200)	3,200		
4	Net Sacred Gifts	\$2,551,851	\$2,825,900	\$3,033,300	\$2,955,900	\$ (77,400)		
5	Endowment Distribution	\$3,131,354	\$3,132,500	\$2,959,300	\$2,814,000	\$(145,300)		
6	Allocated Endowment Distribution	43,000	43,000	43,000	194,000	151,000		
7	Total Endowment Distribution	\$3,174,354	\$3,175,500	\$3,002,300	\$3,008,000	\$ 5,700		
8	Other Revenue							
9	Endowment Transfers	\$622,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
10	Dedicated Mission Revenue	445,069	330,800	334,100	315,000	(19,100)		
11	Other Revenue - Special	118,802	94,400	106,400	196,600	90,200		
13	Total Other Revenue	\$1,186,521	\$ 425,200	\$ 440,500	\$ 511,600	\$ 71,100		
14	Total Revenues	\$6,912,726	\$ 6,426,600	\$ 6,476,100	\$6,475,500	\$ (600)		
	Expenses							
16	Supporting the Broader Church	¢ 055.075	¢ 007.500	¢ 0/0.000	¢0.47.000	¢ (45.000)		
17	Pledge to The Episcopal Church (TEC)	\$ 855,375	\$ 896,500	\$ 862,000	\$847,000	\$ (15,000)		
18 19	Anglican Ministries	48,782	20,000	20,000	20,000	- # (4.5.000)		
	Total Supporting the Broader Church Programs for Ministry	\$ 904,157	\$ 916,500	\$ 882,000	\$867,000	\$ (15,000)		
20 21								
22	Diocesan Bishop's Office	\$ 104,744	\$ 101,280	\$ 109,333	\$111,400	\$ 2,080		
23	Canons for Growth & Support and Mission	393.151	392,460	383,875	425,500	41,670		
24	Youth Ministries	112,260	117,000	67,000	75,000	8,000		
25	Software Support for Churches	11,197	20,000	20,000	15,000	(5,000)		
26	Diocesan Center Facilities	308,818	220,000	200,000	320,000	120,000		
27	Diocesan Convention & Events	178,381	70,000	150,000	100,000	(50,000)		
28	Diocesan Ministries	145,879	197,000	194,000	192,700	(1,300)		
29	Total Empowering Churches	\$1,254,430	\$1,117,740	\$ 1,124,208		\$ 115,450		
30	Stabilization and Growth							
31	Diocesan Bishop's Office	\$ 104,744	\$ 101,280	\$109,333	\$111,400	2,080		
32	Finance & IT	211,320	198,050	218,250	224,300	6,050		
33	Property Manager	102,170	162,800	108,640	103,500	(5,120)		
34	Chaplains to the Retired Clergy	20,246	18,000	19,500	20,300	800		
35	Acts 2 Churches - Vicars	563,931	668,200	718,300	759,500	41,200		
36	New Ministries - Vicars & Plants	159,365	123,000	90,000	75,000	(15,000)		
37	Clergy Financial Assistance & Sabbatical Leave	102,631	110,000	110,000	85,000	(25,000)		
38	Program Grants to Congregations	142,100	150,000	150,000	100,000	(50,000)		
39	Retired Clergy Medical Assistance	201,149	300,000	230,000	210,000	(20,000)		
40	Transition Office	314,380	248,400	277,700	295,700	18,000		
41	Total Stabilization and Growth	\$1,922,035	\$2,079,730	\$ 2,031,723	\$1,984,700	\$ (46,990)		
	Fostering Innovation	\$ 104,744	\$ 101,280	\$ 109,333	\$111,400	2.090		
43 44	Diocesan Bishop's Office Communications	\$ 104,744 357,244	\$ 101,280 304,500	342,600	341,900	2,080 (700)		
45	Feeding Ministries & Wellness Centers	337,244	30,000	5,000	541,700	(5,000)		
46	Growth Development Fund Grants	411,670	300,000	300,000	300,000	(3,000)		
47	Support for Congregations	63,900	50,000	60,000	50,000	(10,000)		
48	Board of Trustees Mission Grants	564,408	-	250,000	125,000	(125,000)		
49	Technology Grants	58,242	-	-	-	-		
50	Serviam Institute	23,700	36,000	24,000	24,000	-		
51	Support for Innovation & Creativity	2,500	20,000	5,000	- -	(5,000)		
52	Total Fostering Innovation	\$1,586,408	\$ 841,780	\$ 1,095,933	\$ 952,300	\$(143,620)		
53	Total Programs for Ministry	\$4,762,874	\$4,039,250	\$ 4,251,865	\$4,176,700	\$ (75,160)		
54	Support Expenses							
55	Diocesan Bishop's Office	\$ 183,635	\$ 115,960	\$ 139,500	\$118,600	(20,940)		
56	Canon to the Ordinary's Office & Admin. Support	382,868	479,140	378,325	404,100	25,730		
57	Finance & IT	211,320	198,050	218,250	224,300	6,050		
58	Property Manager	25,542	40,700	27,160	25,900	(1,280)		
59	Legal, Professional & Audit	211,519	155,000	142,000	142,000	-		
60	Operations	425,397	305,000	266,000	359,900	93,900		
61	Closed Church Property	251,334	175,000	170,000	250,000	80,000		
62	Total Support Expenses	\$1,691,614	\$1,468,850	\$ 1,341,235		\$ 183,460		
63	Total Expenses	\$7,358,645	\$6,424,600	\$ 6,475,100	\$6,568,400	\$ 93,300		
64 65	Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (445,919)	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ (92,900)	\$ (93,900)		
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Sacred Ask 2025 - Normal Operating Income (NOI)

CHURCH NAME	2023 NOI	8% OF 2023 NOI
Advent, Hatboro	\$198,293	15,863
Advent, Kennett Square	537,883	43,031
Advocate, Philadelphia	55,596	4,448
African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Overbrook	861,452	68,916
All Hallows' Church, Wyncote	354,834	28,387
All Saints', Fallsington	49,862	3,989
All Saints', Norristown	239,288	19,143
All Saints', Rhawnhurst	90,508	7,241
All Saints', Torresdale	682,730	54,618
All Saints', Wynnewood	439,871	35,190
Annunciation, Philadelphia	171,790	13,743
Ascension, Parkesburg	104,771	8,382
Calvary-St. Augustine Church, Philadelphia Christ Church and St. Ambrose, Philadelphia	160,395 54,417	<u>12,832</u> 4,353
Christ Church and St. Michael's, Philadelphia	47,000	3,760
Christ Church, Ithan, Villanova	397,856	31,828
Christ Church, Media	427,118	34,169
Christ Church, Philadelphia	853,183	68,255
Christ Church, Pottstown	375,773	30,062
Christ Church, Ridley Park	554,987	44,399
Christ Church, Upper Merion (Old Swedes), Bridgeport	30,255	2,420
Emmanuel Church, Quakertown	47,610	3,809
Emmanuel-Resurrection Church, Holmesburg, Philadelphia	128,477	10,278
Epiphany, Royersford	67,734	5,419
Free Church of St. John, Philadelphia	17,440	1,395
Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia	361,432	28,915
Good Samaritan, Paoli	1,979,749	158,380
Good Shepherd Church, Hilltown	139,318	11,145
Good Shepherd, East Falls	272,130	21,770
Good Shepherd, Rosemont	387,648	31,012
Grace Church and the Incarnation, Philadelphia	123,002	9,840
Grace Church, Hulmeville	118,286	9,463
Grace Epiphany Church, Mt. Airy	162,727	13,018
Holy Apostles and the Mediator, Phila	229,226	18,338
Holy Apostles, Penn Wynne, Wynnewood	335,627	26,850
Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill	200,893	16,071
Holy Innocents St. Paul's Church, Tacony	53,734	4,299
Holy Nativity, Rockledge Holy Nativity, Wrightstown	450,180 56,200	36,014 4,496
Holy Spirit, Harleysville	506,063	40,485
Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square	961,333	76,907
Holy Trinity, West Chester	379,382	30,351
House of Prayer, Philadelphia	30,137	2,411
Incarnation Holy Sacrament Church, Drexel Hill	193,513	15,481
Incarnation, Morrisville	122,661	9,813
Messiah, Gwynedd	741,025	59,282
Nevil Memorial Church of St. George, Ardmore	554,369	44,350
Philadelphia Cathedral, Philadelphia	1,280,759	102,461
Redeemer, Andalusia	31,140	2,491
Redeemer, Bryn Mawr	1,900,778	152,062
Redeemer, Springfield	184,650	14,772
Redemption, Southampton	132,296	10,584
Resurrection, Rockdale, Aston	138,828	11,106
St. Alban, Roxborough, Philadelphia	166,871	13,350
St. Alban's, Newtown Square	425,147	34,012
St. Andrew and St. Monica, Philadelphia	194,080	15,526
St. Andrew's Church, Yardley	419,448	33,556
St. Andrew's, West Vincent, Glenmoore	295,516	23,641
St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton	111,152	8,892
St. Anne's Church, Abington	296,109	23,689
St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd	469,541	37,563
St. Augustine of Hippo, Norristown	50,300	4,024
St. Christopher's Church, Gladwyne	661,719	52,938
St. Christopher's Church, Oxford	170,390	13,631

Sacred Ask 2025 - Normal Operating Income (NOI)

CHURCHNAME	2022 NO	09/ OF 2022 NO
CHURCH NAME St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia	2023 NOI 728,372	8% OF 2023 NOI 58,270
St. David's Church, Manayunk	55,562	4,445
St. David's Church, Radnor	3,055,583	244,447
St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Sugartown, Malvern	362,460	28,997
St. Gabriel's Church, Philadelphia	66,276	5,302
St. George St. Barnabas Church, Philadelphia	187,350	14,988
St. James' Church, Collegeville	423,676	33,894
St. James' Church, Downingtown	371,677	29,734
St. James' Church, Langhorne	267,227	21,378
St. James' Church, Prospect Park	115,759	9,261
St. James The Greater, Bristol	121,132	9,691
St. James, Kingsessing, Philadelphia	124,151	9,932
St. John The Evangelist, Essington	127,246	10,180
St. John's Church, Compass, GAP	128,136	10,251
St. John's Church, Concord, Glen Mills St. John's, Diocesan Center, Norristown	325,574 210,453	26,046 16,836
St. John's Church of Our Saviour, Huntingdon Valley	200,660	16,053
St. John's Church, Lower Merion	220,746	17,660
St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia	534,609	42,769
St. Luke's Memorial, Philadelphia	148,227	11,858
St. Luke's Church, Germantown	587,236	46,979
St. Luke's Church, Newtown	313,836	25,107
St. Mark's Church, Frankford	33,475	2,678
St. Mark's Church, Honey Brook	123,799	9,904
St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia	1,144,495	91,560
St. Martin-in-the-Field, Chestnut Hill	1,065,538	85,243
St. Martin's Church, Radnor	254,160	20,333
St. Mary's At Calvary Church, Elverson	2,212	177
St. Mary's Church, Ardmore	808,440	64,675
St. Mary's Church, Cathedral Road	252,335	20,187
St. Mary's Church, Chester	21,210	1,697
St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village	285,981	22,878
St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia	45,140	3,611
St. Marthow's Church Manle Clan	581,377	46,510
St. Matthew's Church, Maple Glen St. Michael's Church, Yeadon	388,047 128,589	31,044 10,287
St. Paul's Church, Chester	241,368	19,309
St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia	1,164,589	93,167
St. Paul's Church, Doylestown	563,479	45,078
St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park	233,449	18,676
St. Paul's Church, Levittown	66,123	5,290
St. Paul's Church, Oaks	235,289	18,823
St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, Exton	270,623	21,650
St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, Paoli	787,444	62,996
St. Peter's Church, Glenside	355,589	28,447
St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia	811,978	64,958
St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville	323,794	25,904
St. Philip's Church, New Hope	133,501	10,680
St. Simon The Cyrenian Church, Philadelphia	65,152	5,212
St. Stephen's Church, Clifton Heights	73,097	5,848
St. Stephen's Church, Norwood	90,630	7,250
St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough	1,054,312	84,345
Trinity Church, Ambler	381,458 325,702	30,517 26,056
Trinity Church, Boothwyn	190,000	15,200
Trinity Church, Buckingham	315,716	25,257
Trinity Church, Coatesville	200,825	16,066
Trinity Church, Gulph Mills	161,067	12,885
Trinity Church, Oxford	81,944	6,556
Trinity Church, Solebury	391,670	31,334
Trinity Church, Swarthmore	490,302	39,224
Trinity Memorial Church, Philadelphia	257,865	20,629
Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge	1,002,528	80,202
Totals	\$46,316,722	\$3,705,340



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