

Grace Church,  
Madison, So. Dakota 57042  
August 9, 1966

Dear Canon Jones;

We are most pleased and gratified that the Reverend Fr. Adams has been assigned to Grace Church as well as to the Howard & Desmet Churches.

The financial responsibility as arranged by the Bishop's Office does not seem to be a problem. We would foresee a problem in relation to the District Quota Assessment. It would be helpful if you could send us a statement as to how Quotas are derived for Missions and Parishes.

As you know, our costs in 1965 made it necessary to petition for an adjustment and reduction on our 1966 Quota as well as forgiveness on the 1965 Quota.. With the financial arrangements made by the Bishop's Office regarding Fr. Adams, our costs will be somewhat increased (\$250+) while no foreseeable increase in income is immediately within view. Under these conditions, the question arises as to the extent of our Quota responsibility for 1967.

In meetings with Howard and Flandreau during the late spring, the possibility of a tri-church parish organization was explored. The proposal was for Grace Church to assume one-half of the expenses of the clergyman while the other two Churches would assume one-fourth each of these expenses. According to that tentative budget, Grace Church's share of the expenses would amount to \$4145 including credit for provision of the Vicarage.

With the present arrangements, Grace Church is assuming the above-outlined financial responsibilities: Salary- 2220; Utilities- 430; Pension- 400+; and Vicarage- 1080, which is a total of \$4130+. In addition to these "hard figures", Grace Church supplies offertory envelopes, Advent & Lenten folders, long-distance phone calls, and mimeograph/postage expenses for all three churches.

Under these circumstances, can the Bishop's Office and/or the Executive Council consider Grace Church as half of a multi- or tri-church parish which is fully assuming its financial responsibility as the sub-unit of the parish? If so, then Grace Church can be assigned/assessed the 5-10% Parish Quota rate rather than the 25-30% Mission Quota rate; our 1966 Original Quota represented 26% of our income as a Mission.

An additional question in terms of your letter of July 8th; there is no mention of a car-and-travel-allowance for our new priest. On the tentative budget mentioned above, this allowance was figured at \$1200 per annum on the recommendations of both Frs. Richards and Russell. Are we to assume that the District Funds will provide for this expense to Fr. Adams?

We wanted to raise these questions and to face these problems prior to the arrival of Fr. Adams in the hopes of making his initial year with our Churches a smoother, more pleasant, and financially feasible one. We will be most appreciative of any and all information you can forward to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Treasurer, Grace Church Bishop's Committee

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Madison, So. Dakota 57001  
August 9, 1967

Dear Canon Jones:

We are most pleased and gratified that the Reverend Fr. Adams has been assigned to Grace Church as well as to the Howard & Daniel Churches.

The financial responsibility as assigned by the Bishop's Office does not seem to be a problem. We would foresee a problem in relation to the District Quota Assessment. It would be helpful if you could send us a statement as to how Quota are divided for Missions and Pastoral.

As you know, our costs in 1967 made it necessary to petition for an adjustment and reduction on our 1968 Quota as well as to pay attention on the 1968 Quota. With the financial arrangements made by the Bishop's Office regarding Fr. Adams, our costs will be somewhat increased (\$250+) while no foreseeable increase in income is immediately within view. Under these conditions, the question arises as to the extent of our Quota responsibility for 1967.

In meetings with Howard and Fladmark during the late spring, the possibility of a tri-branch parish organization was explored. The proposal was for Grace Church to assume one-half of the expenses of the clergyman while the other two Churches would assume one-fourth each of these expenses. According to that tentative budget, Grace Church's share of the expenses would amount to \$1125 including credit for provision of the vicarage.

With the present arrangements, Grace Church is assuming the above-outlined financial responsibilities: Salary - \$2200; Utilities - \$30; Pension - \$100+; and Vicarage - \$1080, which is a total of \$4130+. In addition to these "hard figures", Grace Church supplies offertory envelopes, Advent & Lenten folders, long-distance phone calls, and miscellaneous/postage expenses for all three churches.

Under these circumstances, can the Bishop's Office and/or the Executive Council consider Grace Church as half of a unit - or tri-branch parish which is fully assuming its financial responsibility as the sub-unit of the parish? If so, then Grace Church can be assigned/assessed the 5-10% Parish Quota rate rather than the 25-30% Mission Quota rate; our 1968 District Quota represented 25% of our income as a Mission.

An additional question in terms of your letter of July 26th there is no mention of a car-and-travel allowance for our new priest. (The tentative budget mentioned above, this allowance was figured at \$1200 per annum on the recommendations of both Fr. Richards and myself. Are we to assume that the District Funds will provide for this expense to Fr. Adams?)

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