



The Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund

The Personal Emergencies Fund (PEF)

The PEF was set up in 1979 by Archbishop Donald Coggan, because of the critical medical needs clergy and church workers and their families around the Communion were facing. Many clergy were unable to pay for treatment and in many cases their ministry suffered because of this. A Fund was initially set up as an investment, the interest of which was available for allocating towards medical expenses. This has been supplemented over the years by the generous giving of individuals and churches around the Communion and by grants. The Fund continues to be financed in this way.

The PEF trustees are aware of the great need for medical assistance in countries where there is no government help. As the Fund is not able to meet every need there are criteria for clergy and church workers and their immediate families, and grants are limited to emergencies of a critical nature. The Fund seeks to help those applicants to receive treatment so that they can continue their ministry as soon as possible. The following guidelines set out these criteria and are there to guide applicants to the Fund.

PEF guidelines:

1. The PEF grant is for active clergy and church workers and their immediate families who require urgent medical assistance but are not able to afford it. The recipient must be a member of a province of the Anglican Communion or of one of the Extra Provincial churches in full communion with the Anglican Communion.
2. It is to enable those who receive support for themselves or their immediate family to get back to their ministry as soon as possible.
3. It does not normally cover on-going medication or treatment and is not available to those in retirement.
4. The application needs to be endorsed by the Diocesan Bishop and Primate or Provincial Secretary on behalf of the person /people involved.
5. The application needs to be accompanied by (i) a doctors' report of the diagnosis and treatment required; and (ii) evidence of either payments made (in the form of receipts or medical bills) or the anticipated costs.
6. If a grant is given, payment will be made to the Diocesan/Provincial account, subject to verification.
7. The full payment of bills is not automatic and in most cases the grant can cover part payment of bills. (As the PEF is a small fund, it is aimed at assisting as many people as possible).
8. A person who falls sick while travelling in another country without appropriate travel/medical insurance cover may not be eligible to receive PEF support.
9. A Reference Panel decides on behalf of the Trustees to award or not to award a grant, and priority will be given to first time applicants.
10. PEF medical support is given on the basis that the beneficiary and the sponsoring church/institution will provide a report on the use of the money and outcome of treatment.

From further information and an Application Form E mail: pef@lambethpalace.org.uk

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