

The Personal Emergencies Fund (PEF) of the Anglican Communion

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 set up, initially with an investment, the generous giving of individuals and churches around the Communion and grants. The Fund continues to be financed in this way.

The PEF trustees are aware of the great need there is for medical assistance in countries where there is no government help. As the Fund is not being able to meet every need there are criteria for clergy and church workers and their immediate families and it is limited to emergencies of a critical nature. The Fund is seeking to help those who apply to receive treatment so 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

- The PEF grants are for active Anglican clergy and church workers and their immediate families who require medical assistance and would not be able to afford it.
- It is for urgent and critical medical emergencies only.
- It does not normally cover on-going medication or treatment.

- The application needs to come from the Primate, Diocesan Bishop or Provincial Secretary on behalf of the person /people involved.
- 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.
- If a grant is given, payment will be made to the Diocesan account or, with the agreement of the Bishop/Provincial Secretary, a direct or part payment of an invoice from a hospital or doctor.
- The full payment of bills is not automatic and in most cases the grant will cover the part payment of bills. [As the PEF is a small fund we want to assist as many people as possible].

- A committee of three trustees decide if a grant can be given and priority will be given to first-time applicants.

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

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