

TREASURER

Annual Report: 2025

of Councils Reporting: 20/27

Greetings to all our wonderful CWL members!

This annual report is a summary of all the reports submitted by parish councils for 2025.

Financial statements allow councils to make decisions on projects.

- Thirty two percent of councils reported that their treasurer prepared a budget each year.
- Thirty two percent of reporting councils reported that their treasurer presented a comparative budget at council meetings.
- Sixteen percent of reporting councils reported that their treasurer presented an annual comparative budget.
- Twenty six percent of reporting councils did not prepare a budget.
- Ninety five percent of reporting councils prepare and present a monthly cash flow statement.

Financial decisions should be based on the council's policies for spending and fundraising.

- Seventy per cent of councils reporting indicated they have a clear council financial policy for fundraising and spending.
- Thirty per cent of councils reporting indicated they do not have a clear council financial policy for fundraising and spending.

The League has a national Financial Policy. If your council has investments, do you adhere to the League Financial Policy?

- Thirty five percent of reporting councils reported that they adhere to the League Financial Policy.
- Sixty five percent of councils reporting reported that they were unaware of the League Financial Policy.

All financial records should be examined, reviewed or audited once a year or before a newly elected executive is elected.

- Fifty percent of reporting councils reported that they have their books examined/reviewed/audited at least every two years.
- Fifty per cent of reporting councils reported that they do not have their books examined/reviewed/audited at least every two years.

Councils have been encouraged to offer financial support to voting and accredited delegates to attend diocesan, provincial and national annual meetings of members/conventions.

- Seventy percent of reporting councils offer financial support to all delegates and some members.
- Fifteen percent of reporting councils offer financial support to their voting delegate and their accredited delegate.
- Five percent of reporting councils only offer financial support to their voting delegate.
- Five percent of reporting councils offer no financial support to their voting delegate.
- Five percent of reporting councils offer no financial support for their accredited delegate.

Diocesan Chair Activities:

- Participated in meetings with officers and diocesan executive via Zoom and in-person
- Prepared memos for councils and articles for the spring and fall newsletters
- Attended the Antigonish Diocesan Convention/AMM in Antigonish in April 2025 and Fall Conference in Stellarton in October 2025
- Attended the Provincial Diocesan Retreat held in Amherst in September 2025
- With diocesan officers prepared and delivered workshops entitled Advocacy: Faith in Action and Putting the Pillars into Action: A Focus on Human Trafficking
- Regularly viewed the national website
- Prepared and presented the diocesan annual budget for 2026
- Prepared the 2025 Antigonish Diocesan Year End Financial Report
- Committee member 2025 GIC Disbursement Fund
- Participated in Mass for Shut-Ins

The *Guidelines for Treasurer* manual found on the national website under Manuals is an invaluable guide for treasurers. Not only does it clearly set out the duties and responsibilities of treasurers at all levels, it also has very helpful examples of budgets, bank reconciliation and reports that as a treasurer you may be required to give. A copy of the manual should be downloaded from the national website and provided to your treasurer as she commences her term.

As always, we thank all our members for their efforts through the year and wish you all the best in 2026.

God Bless!

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