



# CONSTITUTION OF THE PRIESTS' COUNCIL

Appendix IV  
Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

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## **PRESBYTERAL ASSEMBLIES, PERMANENT DEACONS, PASTORAL ADMINISTRATORS AND FUNDING ISSUES**

### Presbyteral Assemblies that are **OPEN**:

- Permanent deacons would be invited to attend...
  - o Presbyteral business session, especially if they are pastoral administrators
  - o The banquet(s) (for deacon and wife)
  - o and liturgical events
- Permanent deacons would pay the same registration fees as lay people in order to attend the presentations of the open session
- Volunteer deacons: negotiate with the parish regarding payment of all these expenses as well as travel and lodging expenses (See Policy on Deacons)
- Church-Employed deacons (either as a PA or as a parish minister): the parish would pay these expenses as well as travel and lodging expenses

### Presbyteral Assemblies that are **CLOSED**:

- Permanent deacons would have their own track
  - o All deacons would help defray the expenses of bringing in a speaker
  - o The diocese would cover the rest of the expenses for the deacon track, with consultation and approval from the bishop
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### **PASTORAL ADMINISTRATORS – Non-Deacons**

- **Open** presbyteral assemblies, same as deacons (above)
- **Closed** presbyteral assemblies:
  - o PA's would be invited to the presbyteral business session
  - o PA's would be invited to banquet(s)
  - o The diocesan liaison would coordinate an organized, planned gathering to meet the needs of the PA (unfunded)
- As church employees, the parish would pay all expenses related to attending the presbyteral assemblies (meals, travel, lodging)

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