

Appendix C – Survey Instrument

**Diocese of Lexington
Mission Funding Task Force
Research Instrument - 2001**

Your cooperation in completing this form is greatly appreciated. We have sent this form to you because we feel there are many similarities between your diocese and ours. We believe your data will be very helpful to us as we attempt to find a better way for diocesan funding by our parishes. Thank you for your assistance.

1. Name of your Diocese: _____
2. Number of parishes and missions: _____
3. Total Diocesan income (last year available: _____): was \$ _____
4. Income received from parishes and missions \$ _____. If it is possible to attach or include a list of these contributions, it would be helpful. Thanks.
5. Income received from investment and endowment funds \$ _____. This _____ is (_____ is not) included in the amount given in 3.
6. What is the total of the annual Diocesan budget \$ _____ for the year _____? If you can include a copy of that budget (not by line item, but by general heading, it would be helpful.)
7. Is there a specific formula in use to determine parish contributions to the diocese? Yes _____ No _____. If so, would you explain it briefly here, please?
8. Is any portion of the congregation's contribution voluntary? If so, please state this and state the voluntary percentage. _____

9. What percentage of your congregations receive aid or assistance of any kind, excluding diocesan staff services? _____

10. Does your diocesan leadership believe its funding method is working satisfactorily?

11. How long has this funding method been in use?

12. Can you describe the perception of the congregations as to the fairness of the funding method?

13. Has your diocese's funding method changed in the past five years? If so, please explain the changes.

14. How does the diocese respond to congregation arrears on their funding shares?

15. Are there any kinds of rewards for congregations that over perform on funding?

16. Is there anything you would like to add to the above?