

## Parishes

### H. General

#### **Canon H – 1: INCUMBENT’S HOUSING**

##### *housing for an incumbent:*

1. (a) Under the authority of the churchwardens, every parish shall provide a residence for the incumbent, furnished with a stove, refrigerator, and window coverings, or shall rent a suitable accommodation, provided free and without deduction from stipend.

##### *utilities:*

b) Where a residence is required the parish shall provide fuel, electricity, water, telephone, and general maintenance.

c) The churchwardens may provide a housing allowance in lieu of a residence:

- (i) if the incumbent or the churchwardens wish the incumbent to obtain a residence of the incumbent’s own; and
- (ii) the other concurs.

##### *share of maintenance of rectory property:*

1. Where there is more than one congregation in a parish, it shall be the duty of each to bear its proper share in the repairs and maintenance of rectory property.

##### *rectory when incumbency changes:*

2. When there is a change in the incumbency of any parish, the parish shall:

- a) place the rectory in a good state of repair, and then
- b) put the new incumbent in possession of the same.

##### *rectory when incumbent dies:*

3. The family of an incumbent who has died while in the service of the parish shall be provided with suitable residence for a period of six months from the date of death, if required.