

CEWS Update – December 2021



The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), implemented by the federal government at the start of the pandemic, has wound down. This program has been very helpful both to the Diocese and to parishes in providing government relief where revenues have declined since pre-pandemic times. Period 21, the last one offered by the government, will be claimable once revenues for the month of October are supplied by all parishes.

Claims for periods 1 through 16 are now closed, and those related to period 17 must be made by Dec. 30, 2021.

As a partial replacement, the government has introduced the Canada Recovery Hiring Benefit (CRHP). On Nov. 24 it introduced Bill C-2 in Parliament to extend this program until May 7, 2022, for eligible employers with current revenue losses above 10% and with a subsidy rate of 50%. Your parish can check if this program will benefit you by completing an additional step when claiming CEWS payments: When completing your CEWS calculation spreadsheet for period 17 or later, complete step 3a or 3b by providing earnings data for the period March 14 to April 10, 2021. This is easily accomplished by copying/pasting the data from your CEWS spreadsheet for period 14. You can then refer to step 4 cell B25 and F25 to determine which program gives you the bigger payout.

If you do receive benefit from this new program, you **must** let the Diocese know via email to vharuna@toronto.anglican.ca. This program will not benefit the Diocese, so we will only continue to ask parishes for the required revenue data beyond October if sufficient parishes indicate that it is worthwhile to do so.

Please pass this information on to the individual in your parish responsible for CEWS claims.
