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The diocese maintains a pastoral care team for retired clergy and spouses, widows, and widowers. Please contact any one of the following people for assistance and/or conversation.

**Bud Holland - Coordinator, Chaplains**budholland126@gmail.com

215-834-4007

Special connection with Retirees, Widows, and Widowers living out of the diocese and with Pennypack Deanery. Liaison with the Bishop's Office and with CPG. Meet with clergy who are planning to retire.  Assist Jim Wynn in programming gatherings. Explore with Health and Wellness Office of CPG other options of connecting with retired clergy, widows, and widowers living outside our Diocese. Coordinate death notices with Jennifer Tucker.

**Glenn Matis – Chaplain** GMatis@verizon.net 215-489-2548

Special connection with Bucks Deanery, Montgomery Deanery, Merion Deanery and Liaison with meetings of the Bishop's staff (1st Tuesdays). Registration and logistics for our gatherings (in-person and virtual),

**Lou Temme** – **Chaplain** loutemme@gmail.com 215-864-0132

Special connection with Brandywine Deanery, Delaware Deanery, Southwark Deanery.  Liaison with The Christmas Fund committee.

**Mary Jo Melberger** – **Chaplain** revmjmelb@verizon.net 215-654-1475

Special connection with Valley Forge Deanery, Wissahickon Deanery, and Schuylkill Deanery. Assisting Anne Atlee in support of widows and widowers.

**Jim Wynn** - **Chaplaincy Team** frjewynn@gmail.com  609-877-8822

Programming for our meetings (in person and virtual). Assisted by Bud.

**Anne Atlee** - **Chaplaincy Team** aratlee@comcast.net

Assisting in the developing a support network for widows and widowers.

Assisted by Mary Jo.

**Judith Beck** - **Chaplaincy Team** judithtb938@gmail.com 215-842-0007

Assisting in our team development. Connecting with the team about future needs.  Liaison with The Clergy Assurance Fund of Pennsylvania.

**Opportunities to connect with widows and widowers support network**

For widows/widowers: We would love to receive *your*ideas for activities. Please contact either of us, as we continue to pray that you are well and that our paths will cross soon again.

* **Anne Atlee**, aratlee@comcast.net; 610-454-7836
* **Chaplain MaryJo** **Melberger,** revmjmelb@verizon.net;  215-654-1475

**Church Pension Group**

The Church Pension Group, [www.cpg.org](http://www.cpg.org), is an invaluable website for information.

On the CPG website there are many valuable resources on visioning, health and well-being, nutrition, facing dementia, caregiving resources, and finances.

Also, the CPG website has a wonderful resource about avoiding fraud.  Fraud is ever prevalent in our world, as we know, and even more so in this time of pandemic.

**Diocesan Resources**

There are several resources available for financial support.  Some options may include:  [clergy financial assistance](https://www.diopa.org/uploads/attachments/cky38ahklimf267qs7atvw6eo-clergy-financial-aid-application-1-6-22.pdf) and the Wellness Fund. If you have any additional questions, please contact The Rev. Canon Shawn Wamsley in the Bishop’s office. He can be reached at swamsley@diopa.org  215-627-6434, ext. 109. Or, contact budholland126@gmail.com. In addition to:

* **The Clergy Assurance Fund of Pennsylvania** (formerly the Widows and Orphans Corporation) has shared some resources with the diocese to be used at the Bishop’s discretion.
* **The Christmas Fund** has ample resources to assist clergy and their families with special needs.  For addressing particular needs please contact The Rev. Shawn Wamsley at swamsley@diopa.org

**Contemplating Retirement**

If you are contemplating retirement please do check out these important resources:  The Bishop’s Office, the Church Pension Group, and Bud Holland, Convener of Chaplains in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

*As we think about additional informational items and ways of communicating please let us know what would be most helpful to you. Just write to* *budholland126@gmail.com* *or send a voice mail or text at 215-834-4007*