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Dear Friends,

Since 1881, the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf (ECD) has been the only organization within The Episcopal Church supporting ministry among Deaf people and people with significant hearing loss. Your membership, advocacy, and financial support are integral to our efforts.

The ECD:

- partners with dioceses and congregations to strengthen existing Deaf ministries and helps begin new ones.
- provides interpreting and other services for Deaf seminary students who are pursuing ordination, and for Deaf people attending General Conventions of the Episcopal Church
- offers workshops and training for clergy and lay people
- publishes *The Deaf Episcopalian* newsletter, and
- maintains our website, [www.ecdeaf.org](http://www.ecdeaf.org).

Due to church-wide budget cuts, the ECD no longer receives funding from The Episcopal Church to augment our investment income.

We ask that you—our members, congregations, and ministries

- keep your membership up-to-date by February 28 each year
- pray about how you or your organization can strengthen our partnership in our common ministry, and
- consider making additional contributions to support our mission.

Our annual membership fee is \$30 per person. The membership fee has been increased from \$10 to \$30 to cover our newsletter costs and our operation costs. This year's membership's up-to-date is by March 31, 2023.

Your tax-deductible donation also supports the work of the ECD beyond membership in the organization. Contribution levels are:

“ECD Disciple”: \$25-\$99

“ECD Apostle”: \$100-\$499

“ECD Circle”: \$500+

Membership/donation forms are available online at [www.ecdeaf.org](http://www.ecdeaf.org). Donations are gratefully accepted at any time during the year.

We look forward to receiving your 2023 commitment as well as your ideas.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us or any Board member. We thank God for your prayers and support.

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