

# Treasurer's

***e - newsletter***    **October 5, 2005**

**The new Treasurer's e-newsletter** - With the lack of an administrative assistant in the Finance Office, we have not been able to publish our quarterly newsletter this year. We have, therefore, gone to this e-newsletter format in order to get important information out to our various churches on a timely basis. This e-newsletter will be sent to clergy, church treasurers, parish administrators and wardens for whom the Finance Department has e-mail addresses. If there is someone in your church who does not receive it, but should, please e-mail Bob Leaman to add that person to our contact list. Please e-mail Bob with any comments or suggestions you have to improve upon this communication.

**Business Methods Workshop** - The Fall make up session will be held on November 5th at the Diocesan Church Center for any newbie's and others who missed out on the earlier ones. Remember that anyone, not just church treasurers, who is involved in either the performance or supervision of accounting/finance activities in your church is encouraged to participate. The Registration Form is available in the Finance section of the diocesan web site, [www.ColoradoDiocese.org](http://www.ColoradoDiocese.org).

**IRS Increases Mileage Rate** - The rate has been increased to 48.5 cents per mile for all business miles driven between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2005. This is an increase of 8 cents from the 40.5 cent rate in effect for the first eight months of 2005. The IRS Business Mileage Rate is used by most churches to reimburse clergy and other employees for business use of their personal automobiles. Note that the IRS rate for volunteers providing services for charitable organizations, set by statute, not by the IRS, remains at 14 cents a mile. For those of you who reimburse mileage to volunteers, this may be the more appropriate rate to use.

**Church Pension Group** will be well represented at the Diocesan Convention - For those who have questions about the Clergy Pension Fund, Michael McDonald will man the Pension Fund booth at Convention. Also, the Church Insurance Company will have a booth as well. Nancy Wedum, our regional representative, will be there to answer all your questions on property casualty and liability insurance. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

**New Health Plan Rates** are now available for 2006. All the same plans offered by the Diocese in 2005 have been renewed for 2006, although there are some changes in coverages. The updated summary of plan coverages and rates for 2006 is available on the Finance section of the [diocesan web page](#). Note that your employees will do open enrollment on-line again so you will not be directly involved in the process. They will receive open enrollment information directly from the Medical Trust shortly. Should you or your employees have questions not answered in the summary, Janice Jeffryes at the Diocesan office will be pleased to assist you.