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This thesis analyses current state of churches financing. Following implementation of the Act of Property Settlement with churches and religious societies, the churches receive state contribution intended for churches' service reduced by 5 per cent from the original compensation amount every year since 2016. The contribution shall be paid out till final termination in 2027. Moreover, according to the Act, churches receive financial compensation for thirty years since 2013. This thesis asks following question: Could the churches be able (after thirty years) to finance their services from the state financial compensation only which they would regularly invest during the thirty years and from which only salaries should be paid in the anticipated level of 2013 valorized since 2019 by supposed inflation. The state financial compensation is supposed to be valorized by the same inflation. The calculations resulted in finding that only the Roman-Catholic Church would prove to be succesfull under given conditions.

Due to the fact that churches do not invest the whole state contribution/subsidy excluding salaries (which was the necessary pre-requisite) neither the Roman-Catholic Church would succeed. It doesn't mean that the churches will terminate their activities by that time but structure of some churches will have to be transformed as well as the approach to the church financing. There will be a great appeal to volunteer in church, too. We can meet two extremes here. Requests for contribution from believers to cover church needs and pastors' activities on one hand and loose association of believers that would require volunteering for the congregation on the other hand. I believe there will be many variants between the two poles.

It will highly depend on churchgoers' mind whether the church will address them by its tradition, by its hierarchic or flat structure. It will also depend on the form in which the churches would serve their teachings and how rigid they would insist on adherence to doctrines. The believers will decide on this bases - which church they'd choose, which church they'd support. It might be fatal for some churches. On the other hand there are many churches by now both in the Czech Republic and worldwide that have never received any state financial contribution. The charity and offerings will prove to be the basic church income and churches will essentially have to equally adjust their spendings.