

# Employee Application for Membership The Episcopal Church Lay Employees' Retirement Plan (Lay DB Plan)

Section 1: Employee Information a All information must be provided. Indicate wh			
Legal Name First	MI	Last	
Mailing Address Street			
City	State	ZIP	Country
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Email			
Social Security #		Date of Birth*	
Gender 🗌 Male 🗌 Female	Marital Status	S Single Married	
Spouse's Legal Name First	MI	Last	
Gender Male Female			
Social Security #/TIN #		Date of Birth	
DateofMarriage			
Section 2: Employment Informatio All information must be provided. Indicate wh EmployerName		h N/A.	
Mailing/Billing Address <u>Street</u>			
City	State	ZIP	
Employee's Title		Hire Date	
Hours expected to work per year		Enrollment Effec	ctive Date
Section 3: Compensation Other than a one-time payment, list all amou			the instructions on the next page.

Sase salary (excluding housing) and scheduled taxable cash payments	<u>\$</u> Cash housing allowance and/or utilities	Employer-provided housing? Yes No (Check Yes if employer provides <b>physical housing</b> for the employee)
\$	\$	
Employer contributions to a qualified or non-qualified plan	One-time payments	
Send assessment bills to: Employer	Diocese	

*Please provide a copy of y	our driver's license,	, passport, or birth	o certificate as prod	of of your date of birth

# Section 4: Employee's and Employer's Signatures

Employee's Signature	Date	
Employer's Signature	Date	
Print Name	Title	
Email		

#### Submit the completed and signed form to:

The Church Pension Fund, 19 East 34th Street, New York, NY 10016, Attn: Client Services or email to *benefits@cpg.org*. If you have any questions, call us at (866) 802-6333, Monday–Friday, 8:30AM–8:00PM ET (excluding holidays).

The Lay DB Plan is a qualified plan under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, but as a church plan, it is not subject to ERISA. An independent audit of the plan's financial condition is disclosed in the Church Pension Group Annual Report, which is located on our website at *www.cpg.org*. The Church Pension Fund, as sponsor of the Lay DB Plan, continues to monitor the funding status closely. Like many defined benefit plans, the Lay DB Plan currently is not fully funded. The Church Pension Fund retains the right to amend, terminate or modify the terms of the Lay DB Plan, including the employer assessment rate, without notice and for any reason.



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# Use this form to:

• Enroll a lay employee in The Episcopal Church Lay Employees' Retirement Plan (Lay DB Plan).

# Who should complete the form:

• The employee enrolling in the Lay Defined Benefit Plan. (Please note that an authorized representative of the employer must sign the form.)

## Instructions

### Section 1: Employee Information and Marital Status

Complete the information completely. Missing information may delay your enrollment.

### Section 2: Employment Information

Complete the information about your employment. (Your employer can assist you in completing this information.)

• Enrollment Effective Date: This is the effective date of your enrollment into the plan, usually the first date of the month following employment.

## Section 3: Compensation

Your employer can assist you in completing this information.

Compensation is used to determine Total Assessable Compensation,\* which is the basis for determining the amount paid by employers in assessments for the defined benefit pension plans (Lay DB and Clergy Pension Plan) and/or the compensation used to calculate employer and employee contributions to the defined contribution plans (Lay DC and RSVP). Note that the definition of compensation for a defined benefit plan versus a defined contribution plan is different. See below for information on how compensation is calculated for the Lay DB Plan.

Enter the amounts described below. **Please complete all fields**, even if the compensation for that category has not changed. Except for One-Time Payments, show all amounts on an annual basis.

- Base salary (excluding housing) and scheduled taxable cash payments: Includes base salary (excluding the amount designated as a housing allowance in accordance with the U.S. tax code or a similar law of a local jurisdiction), Social Security tax reimbursements, employer-paid tuition for dependents (if taxable), and other scheduled taxable income.
- Cash housing allowance and/or utilities: Includes cash payments that are paid on a regular basis and are excludible from an employee's gross income for income tax purposes under the U.S. tax code or a similar law of a local jurisdiction. (For example, the amount of a cleric's base salary that has been designated as a housing allowance.) Also includes amounts paid by the employer to cover the cost of utility bills, including but not limited to fuel, gas, and electricity, or amounts paid on the employee's behalf.

Note: A lay employee who was an Active Member as of January 1, 2013 or became or becomes an Active Member after that date, and previously worked for an Episcopal employer that did not participate in the Lay DB Plan may receive vesting credit for any 12-consecutive-month period (and each successive 12-month period thereafter) during which the employee worked at least 1,000 hours annually for that employer. The employee and/or the employer must notify The Church Pension Fund in writing of that employment.

- Employer-provided housing: Indicate whether physical housing, either owned or rented directly by the employer, is provided to the employee.
- ~Employer-provided housing is considered compensation even if no cash compensation is paid.
- ~If a home is owned or rented directly by the employee, it should not be reported as employer-provided housing regardless of whether (1) the employer pays the mortgage or rent directly to the mortgage holder or landlord or (2) the employer reimburses the employee for the full amount of the mortgage or rent payments. (In this case, report the amount of the mortgage or rent as (1) a cash housing allowance, if excludible from the employee's gross income for income tax purposes, or (2) as scheduled taxable cash payments, if includible in the employee's gross income for income tax purposes.)
- One-time payments: Includes one-time cash payments, such as bonuses or overtime, that are taxable. Also includes one-time cash payments that are excludible from an employee's gross income for income tax purposes under the U.S. tax code or a similar law of a local jurisdiction. (For example, the portion of a cleric's bonus that has been designated as a housing allowance.)

#### Section 4: Employee's & Employer's Signature

Sign and date the application. Please review the entries on this application before signing to verify that all entries are complete and correct. By signing this form, you are verifying its accuracy.

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