

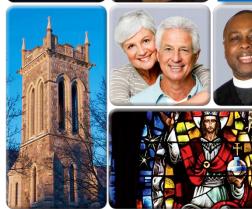








The Church Pension Fund Clergy Pension Plan



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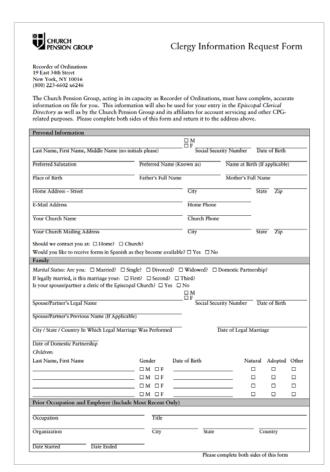
Be Sure You Are in Our Records

Ordination

 Diocesan Ordination Officer files a New Record of Ordination to the Recorder of Ordination Office at CPF

Recorder of Ordinations Office

- Sends the cleric instructions for logging on to Episcopal Clerical Directory (ECD) for new clergy (MyCPG by end of year)
- Cleric (YOU)
 - Log on to ECD (MyCPG) and enter your demographic information
- Episcopal Clerical Directory
 - ecdplus.org
- Episcopal Church Annual
 - theredbook.org





The Clergy Pension Plan is a Defined Benefit Plan



Employer pays assessments

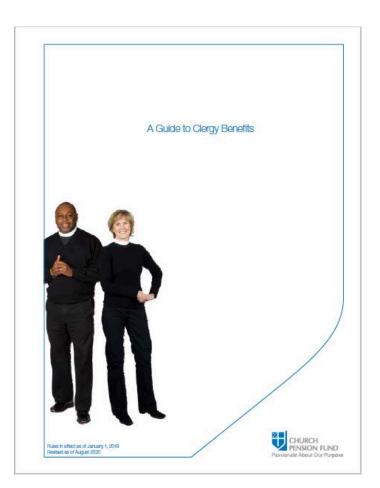


Plan sponsor controls investment decisions



Employee's pension benefit is based on a formula regardless of investment performance







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Go to: Active Clergy Forms and Publications





Agenda

- Becoming a Clergy Pension Plan Participant
- Benefits of Being a Plan Participant
- Cost/Benefit Analysis of Being a Plan Participant
- Resources
- Questions & Answers

Becoming a Clergy Pension Plan Participant

Deacon Taylor



Position: Runs St. Gregory Church's

ministry to the homeless

Current Age: 62

Compensation: Non-stipendiary

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Compensation: \$25 per month

Eligibility and Participation



Mandatory criteria

 Ordained, scheduled to be "regularly employed" for 5+ consecutive months with the same employer and compensated (no dollar amount for eligibility)



Regularly employed—meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Letter of Agreement (contract of employment), OR
- Duly called by bishop, vestry or rector, OR
- Formal title indicating substantial ongoing relationship, OR
- Issued Form W-2, OR
- Scheduled to work 20+ hours per week



Exception for Short-term Service

 Participation is optional if there is a letter of agreement directing payment of assessments for services of less than five months

First Job and/or New Cure

- Employment Change Form
 - Usually submitted by your employer online through the Employee Roster (ER)
 - Can submit paper form
 - cpg.org(Forms & Publications)
 - Must submit each time cleric changes employer or has compensation change





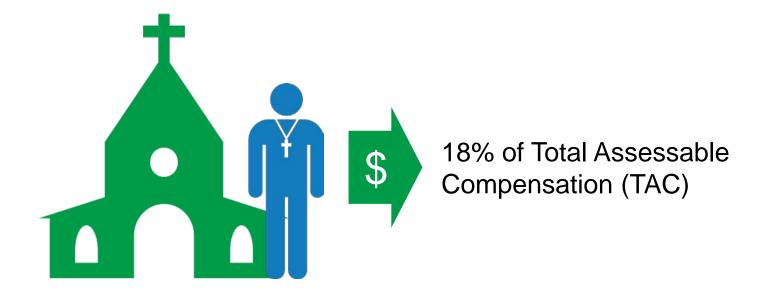
Extension of Ministry

- Clergy must be in good standing and exercising active, ordained ministry outside of the Episcopal Church (TEC) in a position that is pastoral, educational, or social work.
- The work is not secular and furthers the mission of TEC.
- The application must be approved by the canonical bishop and geographic bishop, if applicable, and CPF.
- Approval needed every 2 years





Assessments on Compensation





Total Assessable Compensation (TAC)

 TAC^* = The annual sum of the following TAC = \$25 per mo. x 12 mo. = \$300

1

Base salary (excluding housing) and scheduled taxable cash payments 2

Cash housing allowance and/or utilities

3

Employer contributions to a qualified or non-qualified plan

4

One-time payments (applies to month when paid)

5

Value of employerprovided housing, which
equals 30% of the sum
of 1 through 4 — or,
if higher, 30% of the
Hypothetical Minimum
Compensation (HMC)**

Assessments paid to Church Pension Fund =

 $18\% \times $25 = $4.50 \text{ per mo.}, \text{ or } 54 per year



^{*}Any form of severance (including pay continuation following a termination of employment) should be excluded in all cases.

^{**}HMC is currently \$1,500/mo.

Benefits of Being a Plan Participant

Credited Service for Pension Benefits

- A cleric earns a full month of Credited Service (CS) for pension benefits when
 - Eligibility criteria are met, and
 - Full assessments are paid on 1/12th of the cleric's Total Assessable Compensation (no minimum dollar limitation; no CS is earned for partial assessment payment)
- Enrollment in the plan will only occur on the 1st of the month (e.g., if a cleric begins employment on the 15th, he/she will not start earning CS until the 1st of the following month)

Your Basic Benefit

Annual Pension Benefit Formula

(HAC x CS x 1.6%) + (First \$10,000 HAC x CS x 1.15%)

Highest Average Compensation (HAC): Generally the highest paid seven 12-month periods over the cleric's career*

for Pension:
Assessments fully paid
on monthly Total
Assessable

Compensation (TAC)

Credited Service (CS)

Vesting

5 Years of Credit Service, or 65+ and Active

Career average used if cleric has less than 7 years of compensated employment during which CS was earned



^{*12} consecutive months are used for each 12-month period.

¹²⁻month periods need not be consecutive and cannot overlap.

Deacon Taylor's Example Basic Benefit Calculation

Highest Average Compensation (HAC): Assume no change in compensation = \$300

Credited Service (CS) for Pension: Retires at age 72. CS = 10 years.

Vested: Yes,
> 5 years CS;
65+ and Active

Annual Pension Basic Benefit Calculation

(HAC x CS x 1.6%) + (First \$10,000 HAC x CS x 1.15%)

 $(\$300 \times 10 \times 1.6\%) + \$300 \times 10 \times 1.15\% = \$82.50*$

*Does not take into account the minimum pension under the Clergy Pension Plan, which is determined at the time of a cleric's retirement and is capped at the cleric's HAC. (Based on the minimum pension in effect in 2020, cleric's annual pension benefit would be \$300.) Note that if the present value of a cleric's total pension benefit (including the value of the subsidized 50% survivor benefit or zero option, as applicable, and the Christmas benefit) is \$20,000 or less, it will be paid to the cleric in a single lump sum payment at retirement.



Basic Retirement Benefit Plus*...

Ongoing benefit

Christmas benefit

\$25 x CS: \$25 x 10 = \$250**

One-time benefits

- Resettlement benefit
- Retiree life insurance benefit

12 x monthly benefit, min \$2,000; max 20,000: \$2,000

6 x HAC, max \$50,000: $6 \times $300 = $1,800$

Discretionary benefits

- COLA increases
- ▶ 65+ Medicare Supplement Health Plan

Access to, but no subsidy

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^{*}Eligibility requirements may apply.

While Active: Death and Disability*

► Life insurance benefit

6 x TAC, max \$150,000: \$1,800

- Pre-retirement survivor benefit
- Eligible child's benefit
- Short-term disability
- Long-term disability



Cost/Benefit Analysis of Being a Plan Participant

Deacon Taylor's Cost and Benefit Analysis

Assumptions

- Total Average Compensation (TAC):
 \$300 per year (\$25/mo.)
- Credited Service: 10 years
- Highest Average Compensation (HAC):
 \$300 (no change in TAC)

Cost for employer

- Salary over career: \$3,000 (TAC x 10)
- Total assessments paid over career:
 \$540 (18% x TAC x 10)

Benefits*

- Active life insurance: \$1,800 (6 x TAC)
- Retiree life insurance: \$1,800(6 x HAC)
- Annual pension benefit: \$82.50**
 (2.75% x HAC X Credited Service (CS))
- Annual Christmas benefit: \$250** (\$25 x CS)
- Resettlement benefit: \$2,000

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Resources

Please Let CPG Know if...

- Change of Address
- Marriage
- Late marriage
- Birth
- Adoption
- Disabled children
- Divorce (before or after retirement)
- Death



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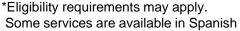


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The Church Pension Fund Clergy Pension Plan - U.S. Dioceses



Comprender el Plan de Pensión para Integrantes del Clero de Church Pension Fund: Diócesis de EE. UU.



Visioning: See Your Way to Wellness



Understanding the International Clergy Pension Plan



Clergy Housing Allowance



The Episcopal Church Retirement Savings Plan (RSVP)

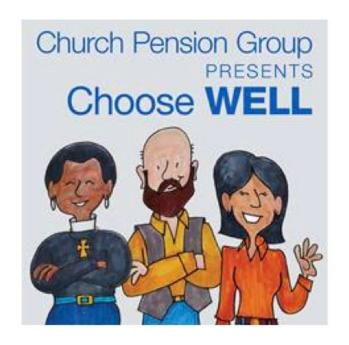


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