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**STATEMENT FROM MARY KATE WOLD, CEO AND PRESIDENT OF
THE CHURCH PENSION FUND, ON THE PASSING OF ALAN F. BLANCHARD**

“It is with deep sorrow that I share the news of the passing of Alan F. Blanchard, who served as CEO and President of The Church Pension Fund (CPF) from 1991 to 2004 and as President Emeritus since his retirement. He will be remembered with deep gratitude and respect for his extraordinary leadership, his steady vision, and his unwavering commitment to the Church Pension Group (CPG) and The Episcopal Church.

Alan’s contributions to enriching the lives of plan participants were wide-ranging. One of his most enduring achievements was the creation of CPF’s remarkable investment team, whose expertise and disciplined approach ultimately contributed to the fund’s assets nearly quadrupling during his tenure. This financial strength made possible an extensive program of benefit enhancements for active and retired clergy, surviving spouses, and lay employees—improvements that continue to support the well-being of Church workers today.

Alan was also a champion of modernization. He was the first person in the organization to receive a personal computer—an early and symbolic step that ushered in a new era of technological advancement at CPG. His willingness to embrace innovation helped lay the groundwork for the digital capabilities and operational efficiencies that continue to benefit the organization today.

In addition, Alan recognized the power of data long before it became commonplace in organizational decision-making. It was his foresight and conviction that led to the creation of our Research & Data team. By establishing this function, Alan positioned CPG to use data-driven insights to better understand our participants, strengthen our products, programs, and services, and support thoughtful planning.

During his tenure, Alan guided CPG through more than a decade of meaningful transformation and innovation. His legacy continues to shape the work we do today, and his influence is felt throughout the organization and across the wider Church community.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Alan’s family, friends, and colleagues.”

About the Church Pension Group

The Church Pension Group (CPG) is a financial services organization that serves The Episcopal Church. It maintains three lines of business—benefits, property and casualty insurance, and publishing. CPG provides retirement, health, life insurance, and related benefits for clergy and lay employees of The Episcopal Church, as well as property and casualty insurance and book and music publishing, including the official worship materials of the Church. Follow CPG on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#). cpg.org

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