

THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

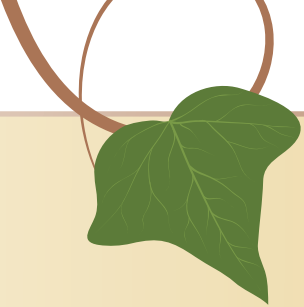
For the Wholeness of Church Workers



“ I am so *very grateful* for your help.
I could not have stayed in my home, near
my children and grandchildren, but for this
blessing. It changed my life! ”
– *Housing Supplement recipient*



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



WHEN PASTORS AND OTHER CHURCH WORKERS NEED SUPPORT

Those who help others often are the last to seek help themselves, especially monetary help. But sometimes faithful Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) workers and their families find they need not only to give but also to receive. Thanks to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, they have somewhere they can turn for help with significant needs that lie beyond the scope of the Benefits Plan.


The Assistance Program is an expression of God's desire for the wholeness and well-being of all creation. Every year, the Assistance Program provides more than 1,000 grants to eligible PC(USA) church workers and their families. To qualify, church workers must meet the criteria established for specific grants, which generally include length-of-service and financial need.

No dues support the Assistance Program; it is funded solely by gifts, bequests, endowment income, and half the Christmas Joy Offering. One hundred percent of each gift received supports the program.

TYPES OF GRANTS AVAILABLE

A variety of grants, broadly categorized here, are available to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastors, other church workers, and their families. For a detailed list of grants, their eligibility requirements, and information on how to apply, see the Assistance Program pages at pensions.org, or call the Board of Pensions.

RETIRED CHURCH WORKERS WITH FINANCIAL AND HOUSING NEEDS



Some dedicated church workers, particularly those who served small congregations, have difficulty meeting their living expenses and housing costs when they retire, despite their best efforts to prepare for retirement. The Assistance Program supplements the monthly income of eligible, retired church workers who have a demonstrated need. Housing

Supplements also help eligible, retired church workers or their surviving spouses remain in their own homes or move to retirement or assisted living facilities.

A significant portion of Assistance Program monies go toward preserving the independence and dignity of retired church workers, helping to keep them whole.

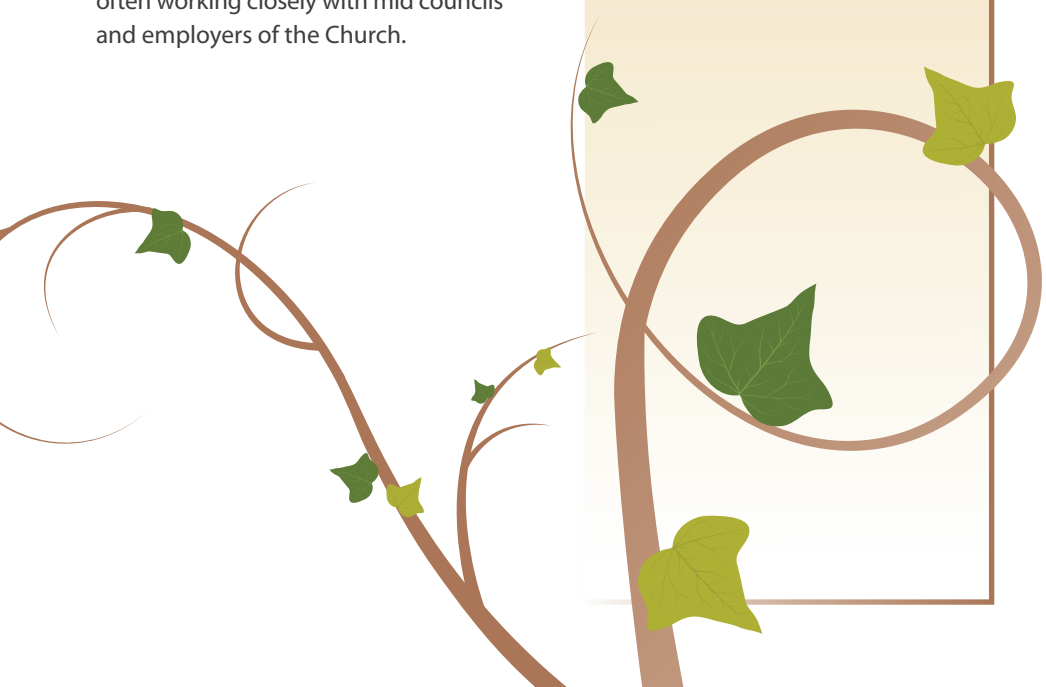
CHURCH WORKERS WITH FINANCIAL AND VOCATIONAL NEEDS

Those pastors and other church workers who earn modest salaries sometimes need a helping hand — to assist with extraordinary medical bills, for instance, or to repair a roof damaged by a storm. The Assistance Program offers grants to help church workers with such unexpected financial needs, often working closely with mid councils and employers of the Church.

A TRADITION OF CARING

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has long been concerned with the well-being of its pastors, and the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions springs from this rich tradition of caring. In 1717, the Church established the Fund for Pious Uses to support ministers and their widows and children. In 1876, it created the Board of Ministerial Relief to provide relief to disabled pastors as well as the widows and children of deceased clergy.

Today, providing assistance to church workers and their families through the Assistance Program is a key part of the Board's mission.





HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Assistance Program offers an effective way for the Church to care for its pastors, other church workers, and their families. If you would like to support the ministry of the Assistance Program, you can help in one of several ways:

- Make a personal gift and/or include the Assistance Program in your will.
- Encourage your congregation's support of the Assistance Program.
- Increase your support of the Christmas Joy Offering, as 50 percent of this offering benefits the Assistance Program.

Your contribution to the Assistance Program will help people who have dedicated their lives to the PC(USA).

MAKE A GIFT OR LEARN MORE

If you want to make an immediate, secure donation, click **Make a Gift Online** on the Ways To Give page of pensions.org. This page also gives an overview of the different types of gifts you can give to benefit church workers in need. For more information, call the Board of Pensions at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN), ext. 7300.

On behalf of all who serve the Church, thank you!

“This grant came through just in time to help pay mounting medical bills for our special needs daughter. I am humbled by the compassion you've shown us!”
— *Shared Grant recipient*



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