

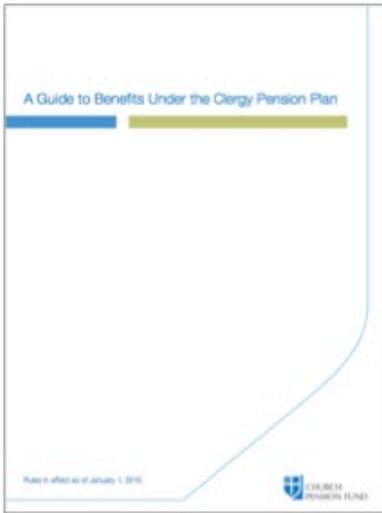
## Benefits Provided to Clergy Pension Plan Participants and Lay Employee Plan Changes



Expected Effective Date: January 1, 2018



Current as of June 9, 2017



**Expected to be effective  
January 1, 2018\***

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\*This presentation includes descriptions of the changes that are currently proposed to the Clergy Pension Plan and other clergy benefits provided by The Church Pension Fund; however, these provisions are subject to modification prior to the effective date of the revised plan. These provisions are for clergy who are canonically resident in the Episcopal Church and working in a domestic diocese — that is, the qualified Clergy Pension Plan.



## Reflection Leads to Clergy Pension Plan Revision

### Goals to...

- Provide flexibility
- Promote consistency
- Simplify communication and improve administration

### And at the same time...

- Maintain overall value of benefits
- Ensure CPF's financial sustainability



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## Clergy Pension Plan is a Defined Benefit Plan



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## Eligibility

- **Mandatory Criteria:** Ordained, scheduled to be “regularly employed” for 5+ consecutive months and compensated (no dollar amount for pension benefit eligibility)
- **Regularly Employed:** Meet one or more of the following:
  - 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



## Assessments on Compensation



### 18% of Total Assessable Compensation (TAC)

- Total Assessable Compensation\* is the annual sum of the following:
  1. Base salary (excluding housing) & 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
  5. Value of employer-provided housing, which equals 30% of the sum of #1 through #4 above or, if higher, 30% of the Hypothetical Minimum Compensation, (HMC)\*\*.

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

\*\*Hypothetical Minimum Compensation is expected to be \$1,500 per month beginning on the effective date of the revised plan.



## Assessments on Church-provided Housing

- **Cleric with Multiple Employers:** Housing assessments no longer allocated between employers. Only the employer providing the housing will be assessed
- **Clergy whose only compensation is church-provided housing must now participate in the plan**
- **May be different than IRS housing allowance used for tax purposes**



## Total Assessable Compensation (TAC) Example

The Rev. John Black works for St. Mark's Episcopal Church. His compensation package provides him with a rectory, cash salary of \$40,000, equity allowance of \$3,000, and a cash housing allowance of \$5,000. Below is a calculation of Father Black's TAC under the old versus revised plan

Old Plan		Revised Plan	
Cash	\$40,000	Cash	\$40,000
Cash Housing Allowance	\$ 0*	Cash Housing Allowance	\$ 5,000
Equity Allowance	\$ 3,000	Equity Allowance	\$ 3,000
Housing (.30 x 40,000*)	<u>\$12,000</u>	Housing (.30 x 48,000)	<u>\$14,400</u>
<b>TAC</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>TAC</b>	<b>\$62,400</b>

\*Assessable housing is the greater of (a) 30% of the sum of the cash stipend, Social Security tax reimbursements, tuition for dependents, and utilities or (b) cash housing allowance.



## Implications of the Total Assessable Compensation Definition

- Clergy whose only compensation is church-provided housing must now participate in the plan
- Cash housing allowance is assessable in all situations
- The assessable value of housing is the same whether clergy receive only church-provided housing or both room and board
- Severance payments are not included in Total Assessable Compensation, but bonus payments still are
- Tuition for dependents that is not taxable income is no longer assessed



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## Billing and Assessment of Interest

- **Billing:** Billing will transition to monthly by the effective date of the revised plan. The due date will be the last day of the month
- **Assessment of Interest:** Charge interest on assessments that are overdue for a shorter time period than currently used (for example, 3 months) at CPF's investment objective rate, currently a 7% annual rate. The new assessment of interest is targeted for 1/1/19



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## Basic Benefit Formula

The clergy pension benefit is based on the cleric's Highest Average Compensation (HAC) and Credited Service (CS)

Total basic benefit is calculated in two steps

**Step 1:**  $\text{HAC} \times 1.6\% \times \text{CS}$

**Step 2:**  $\text{First } \$10,000 \text{ of HAC} \times 1.15\% \times \text{CS}$

**Total Basic Benefit = Step 1 + Step 2**



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## Highest Average Compensation (HAC)

- **Highest paid seven 12-month periods over cleric's career**
  - 12 consecutive months are used for each 12-month period
  - 12-month periods need not be consecutive and cannot overlap
  - Career average if Credited Service is less than 7 years
- If a cleric has established a HAC as of December 31, 2017, then his or her HAC calculated under the revised plan can never be lower than that established HAC



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## 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)



## Credited Service (CS) for Medicare Supplement Health Plan (MSHP) Subsidy

- **If Total Assessable Compensation (TAC) is Equal to or Above the Monthly Hypothetical Minimum Compensation (HMC)\*:** Full assessments paid on 1/12th of the cleric's TAC earns CS for the MSHP subsidy
- **If TAC is Below the Monthly HMC:** Full assessments paid on 1/12th of the cleric's TAC does not earn CS for the MSHP subsidy
- **Medicare Make-Up Account:** If the cleric is earning less than the monthly HMC, the cleric has the option to make personal assessment payments on a make-up account based on the difference between HMC and his/her TAC in order to earn CS for the MSHP subsidy

\*HMC is expected to be \$1,500 per month beginning on the effective date of the revised plan.



## Credited Service (CS) Example

The Rev. Jane Smith's Total Assessable Compensation (TAC) for Jan – Dec is listed below. All assessments are fully paid. Let's look at how many months of Credited Service for pension benefits and Credited Service for the Medicare Supplement Health Plan subsidy Mother Smith earned

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
TAC	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,550	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$20,050
CS for P*	1 month	12 months											
CS for MSHPs**	0 month	0 month	0 month	1 month	9 months								

The monthly HMC for 2018 is expected to be \$1,500 a month

The cleric can pay personal assessments on a Medicare make-up account, 18% of the difference between the monthly HMC and TAC (\$1,500 – \$1,000 = \$500; 18% x \$500 = \$90) in Jan, Feb, and Mar to earn CS for MSHPs

\*Credited Service for pension benefits

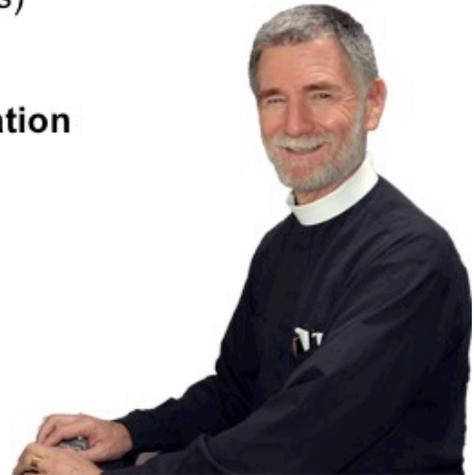
\*\*Credited Service for the Medicare Supplement Health Plan subsidy



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## Vesting

- **Vest at earlier of**
  - Five years of Credited Service (60 months)
  - Age 65+ (if Active)
- **Eliminate age 67+ restriction on participation**



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## Special Situations

- **Personal Assessments:** If a cleric has a break in service, the cleric may pay personal assessments on either the Hypothetical Minimum Compensation (HMC) or Highest Average Compensation (HAC), **cleric's choice**, for up to 24 months. If the cleric pays on his/her HAC and it is less than HMC, full Credited Service (CS) will be earned toward the pension benefits, but no CS will be earned toward the Medicare Supplement Health Plan subsidy. This provision applies to:
  - Clergy between cures
  - Clergy taking any unpaid leave, such as Family Medical Leave
  - Graduate school



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## Special Situations

- **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
- **Military Agreements, Appointed Missionaries, Religious Orders, and Christian Communities**



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## Participant Status

- **Active:**
  - Regularly employed, earned at least 1 month of Credited Service (CS) and assessments are no more than 24 months overdue, or
  - Not regularly employed and no more than 6 months have elapsed following your termination of employment (the “6-month grace period”), or
  - If the 6-month grace period has expired, the cleric has earned at least 6 months of CS through payment of personal assessments and assessments are current, or
  - Earned 25+ years of CS, or
  - Is classified as Deemed Active immediately prior to the effective date of the revised plan



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## Participant Status

- **Inactive:** Less than 25 years of Credited Service, and
  - Regularly employed, but assessments are more than 24 months overdue, or
  - Not regularly employed by the Church, the 6-month grace period has expired and personal assessments payments are not current
    - There is no additional grace period. If personal assessments are not paid from end of employment date through the current month, the cleric will become Inactive immediately
- **Retired:** Commenced benefit and not returned to active ministry under terms of the Clergy Pension Plan



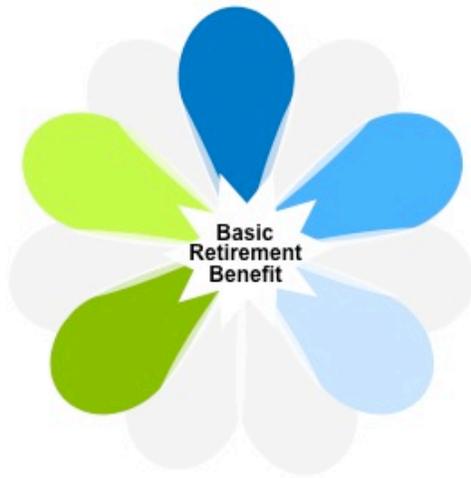
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## Participant Status

- **Potential Benefits Lost Going from Active to Inactive**
  - Projection of Credited Service (CS) for the Preretirement Survivor Benefit (if not vested, no benefit will be paid)
  - Eligibility for Short and Long Term Disability Benefits (STD and LTD)
  - Resettlement Benefit
  - Group Life Insurance
  - Child Benefit if not vested
- **Return to Active Status**
  - Cleric earns at least 1 month of CS upon the return to active ministry that meets eligibility requirements
  - Once you earn 25 years of CS, you will always be Active under the Clergy Pension Plan whether or not assessments are paid



## Basic Retirement Benefit Plus\* . . .



### Ongoing benefit

- ▶ Christmas Benefit

### Discretionary benefits

- ▶ 65+ Medicare Supplement Health Plan Subsidy
- ▶ COLA Increases

### One-time benefits

- ▶ Resettlement Benefit
- ▶ Group Life Insurance

\*Eligibility requirements may apply.



## Christmas Benefit

- **Use the same formula for retired clergy, survivor beneficiaries, and eligible children receiving a child benefit**
  - \$25 x Credited Service, removing the restriction for a maximum of 40 years of Credited Service
  - Current retirees' and survivor beneficiaries' Christmas benefit will change to the new formula once the revised plan becomes effective



## The Episcopal Church Medical Trust's Medicare Supplement Health Plans

- **Supplement Plans augment Medicare covered services**
  - Additional benefits cover some services not covered by Medicare
- **Three Plan Choices (with prescription drug benefit)\***
  - Comprehensive Plan (\$340)
  - Plus Plan (\$465)
  - Premium Plan (\$540)
- **Must be an eligible retiree, eligible spouse, eligible surviving spouse, eligible former spouse, or eligible dependent; and enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B**

### Supplemental Services Include:



Hospital costs



Prescription costs



Doctor and outpatient care

\*2017 costs

\*Cleric must be vested under The Church Pension Fund Clergy Pension Plan in order to purchase.



## Medicare Supplement Health Plan Subsidy (MSHPs) for Clergy Eligible to Retire prior to July 1, 2013\*

<b>Medicare Supplement Health Plan Subsidy</b>	<b>20+ Years of Credited Service (CS) for the MSHPs</b>
	Covers full cost of Comprehensive Plan
	<b>10 to 20 Years of Credited Service for MSHPs</b>
	Monthly subsidy reduced by \$2 per year of CS for MSHPs under 20 years
	<b>Full subsidy cost to "buy up" in 2017 (per month/per person)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plus Plan with Rx      \$125</li> <li>• Premium Plan with Rx   \$200</li> </ul>
	<b>Subsidy can only be applied to Episcopal Church Medical Trust plans</b>

\*Age 55+ with 30+ years of CS for MSHPs or 60+ with 5 – 29 years of CS for MSHPs as of June 30, 2013

**Disclaimer:** Please note that The Church Pension Fund plans to continue to provide the Medicare Supplement Health Plan subsidy. However, given the rising cost of medical care coupled with the uncertainty regarding the structure of Medicare in the future, this should not be viewed as a guarantee of the Medicare Supplement Health Plan subsidy in perpetuity.



## Medicare Supplement Health Plan Subsidy (MSHPs) for Clergy NOT Eligible to Retire prior to July 1, 2013\*

- Clergy receive a 50% subsidy toward cost of Comprehensive Plan with Rx at 10 years of Credited Service (YCS) for MSHPs
- Subsidy increases 5% with each additional YCS for MSHPs, with full subsidy toward cost of Comprehensive Plan with Rx at 20 YCS for MSHPs

Examples Based on 2017 Monthly Rates for The Comprehensive Plan

YCS for MSHPs	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CPF Subsidy	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%
Member Pays	\$170	\$153	\$136	\$119	\$102	\$85	\$68	\$51	\$34	\$17	\$0

\*Was not age 55+ with 30+ YCS for MSHPs or 60+ with 5 – 29 YCS for MSHPs as of June 30, 2013

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## Resettlement Benefit

- **12 times the monthly retirement benefit:** A maximum of \$20,000 and a minimum of \$2,000
- **Cleric (Surviving Spouse/Beneficiary):** For a cleric (surviving spouse/beneficiary) to be eligible, the cleric must be "Active" immediately prior to his/her first benefit commencement date (or death)
  - The named beneficiary for Preretirement Survivor Benefit is also the beneficiary for the Resettlement Benefit if an Active cleric dies
- **Retired Cleric Returning to Active Ministry:** A cleric who returns to active ministry after his/her initial retirement and subsequently re-retires will not be eligible for a resettlement benefit under any circumstances upon his/her re-retirement

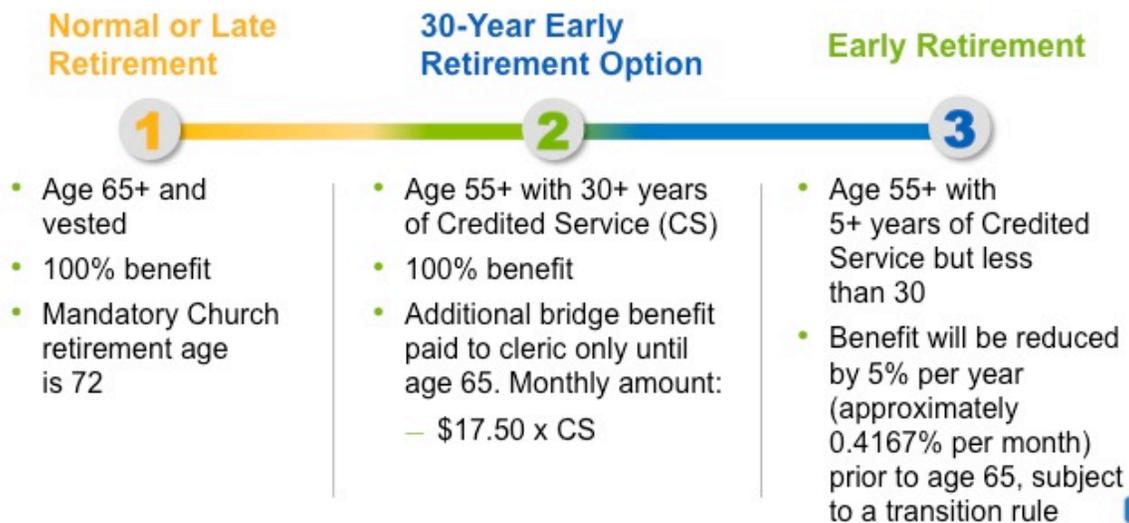


## Life Insurance

- **Active Clergy:** Life insurance benefit is calculated as 6 x Total Assessable Compensation, with a maximum of \$150,000
- **Eligible Retired Clergy:** Life insurance benefit is calculated as 6 x Highest Assessable Compensation, with a maximum of \$50,000
- **Eligibility for Life Insurance:** A cleric must be “Active” under the revised Clergy Pension Plan definition to be eligible for the benefit while working and also at the point of retirement
- **Lump Sum Death Benefit:** Will be eliminated, but will continue our practice of paying up to the first \$10,000 of the life insurance benefit as soon as administratively possible



## Retirement Options



## Early Retirement with Less than 30+ Years of Credited Service

- **Transition Rule:** Clergy who have attained at least age 55 immediately prior to the effective date of the revised plan, but will have less than 30 years of Credited Service, may:
  - Retire on or after age 60 with a reduction of 0.2% for each month before age 65
  - Retire before age 60, that is age 55-59, with a reduction of approximately 0.4167% for each month before age 65



## Lump Sum Payment of Small Benefit

- **Lump Sum Payment:** If the present value of a cleric's accrued benefit is equal to or less than \$20,000, a mandatory lump sum payment will be made at the time a cleric chooses to retire in lieu of paying a lifetime annuity. Applies to Clergy Pension Plan only (not SERP\*)
  - Includes the value of the Christmas benefit and the "zero option" amount
  - Interest rate used is from IRS tables
  - COLA is not included
- **Rollover Option:** The lump sum payment may be eligible to be rolled over into another qualified plan, such as the RSVP, subject to IRS requirements
- **Resettlement Benefit:** If eligible, will be paid separately
- **Other Retirement Benefits:** If eligible, cleric will still have retiree life insurance, child benefit, access to the Medicare Supplement Health Plan (MSHP), and the MSHP subsidy

\*The SERP is a nonqualified plan for clergy whose compensation/benefit exceeds the applicable IRS limit.

## Benefits Eligible for Housing Allowance\*

- **Basic Retirement Benefit**
- **Bridge Benefit (if applicable)**
- **Resettlement Benefit (if applicable)**
- **Christmas Benefit**
- **CPF Disability Benefits**

The housing allowance designation does not carry over to surviving beneficiaries (including surviving spouses)

\*Subject to IRS requirements



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## Clergy Pension Plan Rules: Working While Pensioned\*

- **Rules for continuing to work in the Episcopal Church after retirement while continuing to receive pension benefits**
- **Before Age 72**
  - Do NOT work in same church or institution from which you retired
  - Do NOT exceed the cash compensation limit for a 12-month period (Limit for compensation beginning in 2017 is **\$37,700**)
    - If the cleric requires temporary housing for this work and it is expected to last for 12 months or less, cash housing allowance or church-provided housing will not be included in the limit
    - If the cleric requires temporary housing for this work and it is expected to last more than 12 months, cash housing allowance or church-provided housing will be included in the limit
  - All clergy who are 65+ must comply with Medicare Secondary Payer Rules
  - May come out of retirement (pension suspended)
- **Age 72+, no restrictions**
- **No limits on work outside the Episcopal Church**

\*Also referred to as Work after Retirement.



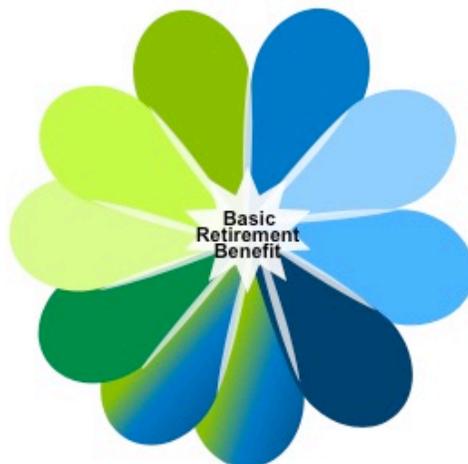
## Working While Pensioned

Exceptions are possible if criteria before age 72 are not met

- **Satisfy all that apply:**
  - Application executed by geographic bishop
  - If working for the same employer, must be a different position with limited scope and compensation
    - If less than age 65 and working for same employer, demonstrate a bona fide severance prior to reemployment (IRS rule)
  - All clergy who are 65+ must comply with Medicare Secondary Payer Rules
  - Exceptions may be granted for up to two years per lifetime



## Additional Benefits and Choices\*



- ▶ Surviving Spouse Pension
- ▶ Second Adult Beneficiary
- ▶ Beneficiary's Christmas Benefit
- ▶ Options
- ▶ Group Life Insurance
- ▶ Pre-retirement Survivor Benefit
- ▶ Eligible Child's Benefit
- ▶ Short Term Disability
- ▶ Long Term Disability

\*Eligibility requirements may apply.



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## Eligible Spouse

- **Eligible Spouse:** 50% survivor benefit with no actuarial reduction if the cleric earned **one year** of Credited Service during the marriage
  - Must be married to cleric (1) on the date cleric ceases to earn credited service and on the date of retirement or (2) on the date of the cleric's death, whichever occurs first
  - Eligible for Medicare Supplement Health Plan subsidy if cleric meets the eligibility requirements



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## Eligible Spouse

- **Acknowledging that same-gender marriage was only recently recognized nationally and in response to General Convention Resolution 2015-D047, CPF relaxed the eligibility requirements for same gender spouses until December 31, 2017**
  - **Same-gender** spouse may receive full (or partial) spousal benefits if you are legally married and can present an **Affidavit of Committed Relationship** by **December 31, 2017** to show spouse's eligibility
  - Same-gender surviving spouses of retired participants may also be eligible for spousal benefits under certain circumstances

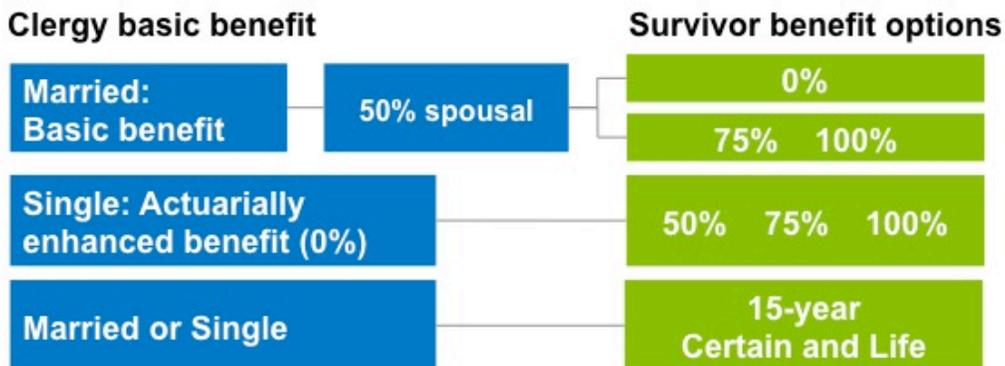


## Cleric's Basic Retirement Benefit and Survivor Benefit

- **Married cleric receives basic retirement benefit as calculated by the formula**
  - “Eligible Spouse” receives 50% of cleric’s benefit after cleric’s death
  - Cost is fully subsidized by CPF
- **An unmarried cleric (or a cleric without an “Eligible Spouse”) receives an actuarially enhanced benefit:**
  - Enhanced because there is no “free” 50% survivor’s benefit
- **Other options can be chosen**



## Additional Benefit Options for Survivors



- The survivor benefit option is elected at retirement and is irrevocable
- Reduction of an Eligible Spouse’s benefit must have spousal consent
- No spousal survivor benefit options for marriage after retirement



## Preretirement Survivor Benefit

### ■ **Active Cleric Benefit Calculation**

- For a cleric not yet eligible for retirement, the beneficiary receives 50% of cleric's benefit using the cleric's Highest Average Compensation (HAC) and Credited Service (CS), actual plus projected until age 65, to calculate the benefit
- For a cleric eligible for retirement, beneficiary receives the greater of the prior calculation or 100% of the cleric's benefit using the cleric's HAC and actual CS
  - If CS is less than 30 years and the cleric is younger than age 65 at the time of death, the early retirement reduction is applied
  - The actuarial reduction for the 100% survivor option is applied

### ■ **Inactive Vested Cleric Benefit Calculation:** Beneficiary receives 50% of cleric's benefit using cleric's HAC and actual CS



## Preretirement Survivor Benefit

- **Beneficiaries:** Beneficiaries are limited to cleric's spouse, legal children, step/foster children who are tax dependents, and disabled tax dependents
- **Child Beneficiary:** Benefits payable to children (or step/foster children who are tax dependents) end when they turn 25, regardless of their age at the time of the cleric's death
- **Disabled Beneficiary:** Benefit payable to a disabled child or disabled tax dependent continues for the beneficiary's life without a requirement to establish a special needs trust
- **Transition:** Currently, a domestic partner (opposite or same gender) can be designated as a beneficiary. The elimination of this option will have a transition period yet to be determined

As of the effective date of the revised plan, no preretirement survivor benefit for single clergy who have no legal children, step/foster children who are tax dependents, or disabled tax dependents.



## Child Benefit

- **Payable to an Eligible Child upon the death of an Active participant or any other vested participant**
  - Flat, monthly benefit for Eligible Children (may be adjusted by COLAs from time to time) payable until age 25
    - The benefit is generally doubled for an orphaned child (see next slide)
  - Christmas benefit equals \$25 x Credited Service (CS)
- **Eligible Child:**
  - A cleric's legal child, legal ward, or step/foster child who is a tax dependent
    - Living on the date the cleric ceased earning CS, or is born or adopted within 12 months thereafter
    - Under the age of 25 at the time of the cleric's death (or child is disabled before age 25)



## Child Benefit (cont'd)

- **Maximum Limitation:** The maximum total child benefits payable in a calendar year is the cleric's Highest Average Compensation (HAC)
  - If total child benefits are greater than HAC, HAC will be split between all the eligible children equally at the time of the cleric's death
- **Transition:** Children currently receiving a child's benefit will remain under the old rules. New rules apply only to child benefits that commence after the effective date of the revised plan



## Disability Benefits That May Be Available To You

- Short Term Disability
- Long Term Disability
- Social Security Disability benefit



## Disability Benefits

**All disabilities will follow the same process. Clergy must be Active at the time of disability to be eligible. (Inactive clergy are not eligible.)**

- **Any disability will be directed to the Short Term Disability (STD) Plan first**
  - Eligible clergy receive 100% of current compensation and benefits from employer (if still employed) if employer signs covenant agreement
  - CPF reimburses employer (or employee if not employed or covenant agreement is not signed or violated) 70% of compensation up to \$1,000 per week
  - Benefit is paid after 14-day elimination period
  - STD benefit continues for up to 26 weeks (including elimination period)\*

\*No elimination period for clergy taking maternity leave immediately after birth, with a benefit duration of 12 weeks.



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## Disability Benefits

- **Disabilities Longer Than 26 Weeks Will Transition to Long Term Disability (LTD)**
  - 26-week elimination period (i.e., equal to the STD period)
  - Benefit equals 70% of Highest Average Compensation (HAC) to age 65
  - 100% medical subsidy (i.e., same coverage level) for the first 23 months on LTD or until Medicare eligible, whichever occurs first — stay on Medical Trust plan
  - Apply offsets for earned compensation, Social Security benefits and other government benefits so total annual income does not exceed 100% of HAC
  - Possible COLA adjustments
  - No Christmas benefit
  - LTD benefit ceases if the cleric earns 80% or more of his/her HAC



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## Disability Benefits

- **Resettlement Benefit:** Will be paid from the Clergy Pension Plan 6 months after cleric is approved for Long Term Disability (with some flexibility to pay sooner)
- **Transition:** Those already on Short Term Disability or Disability Retirement at the time the revised plan takes effect will remain under the old rules. If the Short Term Disability benefit period ends after the revised plan takes effect, the cleric will transition to Long Term Disability, if needed



## Access to Allsup for Help With Social Security Disability

### ■ Allsup

- Provided at no cost to those approved for Long Term Disability
- Can assist you in applying for disability benefits through Social Security
- Access to services provided for spouses and children of Episcopal clergy



## Annual Certificate and Personal Information Form

**Annual Certificate**

For Year Ending: December 31, 2014

**Your Personal Information Summary**

This is the annual summary of important information concerning your retirement benefit with The Church Pension Fund. It includes the following years of Credited Service, current annual compensation, personal information, estimated monthly retirement benefit at normal retirement age, and information on the current Highest Average Compensation (HAC) or Highest Average Compensation (HAC) on which it is based. This assumes that you continue working at your current rate with normal retirement age and compensation as fully paid.

Please review the information carefully. For current benefit guides, or if you need to make any changes or corrections, forms are available on our website at [www.churchpensionfund.org](http://www.churchpensionfund.org), or if you prefer, contact us at the number below. Changes in compensation may be made for the two years immediately preceding the current year.

Your Personal Information Summary		Your Personal Information Summary	
Year	Credited Service (CS) through 12/31/2014	Year	Highest Average Compensation (HAC) on which it is based
2013-2014	12	2013	\$117,500
2012-2013	11	2012	\$117,500
2011-2012	10	2011	\$117,500
2010-2011	9	2010	\$117,500
2009-2010	8	2009	\$117,500
2008-2009	7	2008	\$117,500
2007-2008	6	2007	\$117,500
2006-2007	5	2006	\$117,500
2005-2006	4	2005	\$117,500
2004-2005	3	2004	\$117,500
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## Please Let CPG Know if...

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

The image shows two forms from the Church Pension Group. The top form is titled 'Change of Address for Individuals' and includes instructions to update personal information for pension, retirement savings, and medical/health insurance. It has fields for First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, and Suffix. The bottom form is titled 'Changes in Personal Status Form' and includes instructions to report changes in family status such as marriage, birth, or adoption. It has sections for Personal Information (Name, Social Security number, Date of birth, Home address, City, State, Zip, Home phone, Cell phone, Email address) and a Marriage section (Spouse's full legal name, Gender, Spouse's Social Security number, Date of marriage, Spouse's name prior to marriage, Your name prior to marriage, Is spouse a Cleric?).

Forms can be found at [www.cpg.org/forms-and-publications/forms/pensions/](http://www.cpg.org/forms-and-publications/forms/pensions/)



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(excluding holidays)  
(866) 802-6333

**Email:** [benefits@cpg.org](mailto:benefits@cpg.org)



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## Lay Defined Contribution Plan (LAY DC) and Retirement Savings Program (RSVP)

## Definition of Compensation Applicable to the Lay DC and RSVP

### ■ For the Employee Contribution



Compensation\* is the annual sum of the following:

1. Base salary (excluding housing) & scheduled taxable cash payments
2. Cash housing allowance and/or utilities
3. One-time payments



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



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Compensation\*:  
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2. Cash housing allowance and/or utilities
3. One-time payments

Value of employer-provided housing:

- Equals 30% of the sum of #1 through #3, or
- If higher, 30% of the Hypothetical Minimum Compensation under the Clergy Pension Plan (expected to be \$1,500 a month in 2018)



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## Lay Defined Benefit Plan (Lay DB)

### Eligibility

- A Lay employee is eligible to participate in the Lay DB plan if:



The employer participates in the lay DB Plan



The employee is scheduled to work a minimum of 1,000 hours per year, and



The employer has enrolled you in the Lay DB Plan



## Participant Status



### Active

- Regularly employed at a participating Episcopal institution, and
- Has earned at least one month of Credited Service, and
- Assessments are no more than 24 months overdue



### Terminated

- Is a former Active participant who is not an employee at a participating Episcopal institution, or
- Is regularly employed at a participating Episcopal institution and assessments are more than 24 months past due



### Retired

- Is receiving a benefit from the Lay DB Plan



## Definition of Total Assessable Compensation (TAC) Applicable to the Lay DB Plan



- Total Assessable Compensation\* is the annual sum of the following:
  1. Base salary (excluding housing) & 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
  5. Value of employer-provided housing, which equals 30% of the sum of #1 through #4 above (or, if higher, 30% of the Hypothetical Minimum Compensation under the Clergy Pension Plan, expected to be \$1,500 a month in 2018)

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## Highest Average Compensation (HAC) — Lay DB



- **Highest paid seven 12-month periods over career**
  - 12 consecutive months are used for one 12-month period (although \$0 months will be excluded)
  - 12-month periods need not be consecutive and cannot overlap
  - Career average if CS is less than seven years
- **Transition:** If a lay employee has established a HAC as of December 31, 2017, then his or her HAC calculated under the new provision can never be lower than that established HAC



## Billing and Assessment of Interest



- **Billing:** Billing will transition to monthly (with the due date being the last day of the month) by the effective date of the plan
- **Assessment of Interest:** Charge interest on assessments that are overdue for a shorter time period than currently used (for example, three months) at CPF's investment objective rate, currently 7% annual rate. The new assessment of interest is targeted for 1/1/19



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## Early Retirement — Lay DB



- **May retire as early as 55 if vested**
  - Retirement benefits will be reduced by 5% per year (approximately 0.4167% per month) prior to age 65 (with a maximum total reduction of 50%), subject to a transition rule
- **Transition:** Lay employees who have attained at least age 50 immediately prior to the effective date of the revised plan may retire on or after age 55 under the current provision, which applies various reduction rates depending on your age at retirement (with a maximum total reduction of approximately 40%)



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## Survivor Options



- **Married or Single Member:** Default benefit
  - Married: 50% Joint & Survivor, actuarially reduced
  - Single: A single life annuity
- **Survivor Option Choices:**
  - Joint and Survivor (J&S) options are 0%, 50%, 75%, and 100%
  - 15-year Certain & Life option
  - No age restriction for J&S beneficiary, as benefit will be actuarially adjusted to reflect beneficiary's age



## Credited Service — Lay DB



- **Earn a full month of Credited Service (CS) when**
  - Eligibility criteria are met, and
  - Full assessments are paid on 1/12th of the lay employees annual Total Assessable Compensation (no minimum dollar limitation; no CS earned for partial assessment payments)
- **Reminder: Enrollment in the plan occurs on the 1st of the month**
  - If an employee begins on the 15th, he/she will not start earning CS until the 1st of the following month



## Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO)



- **CPF allows Separate Interest QDRO or Stream of Payment QDRO**
- **Separate Interest QDRO:** The portion of the accrued pension benefit that is assigned to the former spouse will be segregated from the remainder of the lay employee's benefit at the time the QDRO is approved by CPF
  - Former spouse can choose when to commence the assigned benefit, as early as when the lay employee is eligible for early retirement. Benefit is payable for the former spouse's lifetime
  - The death or remarriage of the lay employee has no effect on the benefit assigned to the former spouse



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## Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO)



- **Stream of Payment QDRO:** Allows a lay employee to assign a portion of his/her monthly retirement benefit to a former spouse. Provides a stream of payments that starts when the lay employee retires and ends with the lay employee's death
- **Active Lay Employee:** Can choose to use either the Separate Interest QDRO or Stream of Payment QDRO
- **Retired Lay Employee:** Can only use the Stream of Payment QDRO because their retirement option has already been chosen



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At the beginning of our 100th year of service, we will be revising the pension and other related plans that we administer to create more modern plans that honor the commitments we have made in the past and that respond to the emerging needs of those we serve. These revisions, which will maintain the overall value of the benefits provided to clergy today and will offer greater flexibility, consistency, and simplicity, are expected to take effect on January 1, 2018.

**Please note:**

- Planning to retire in 2017 or 2018? Please contact us at (866) 802-6333 to schedule a financial discussion.
- You must earn Credited Service in 2018, and retire after January 1, 2018 with a vested benefit, in order to receive retirement benefits under the new Clergy Pension Plan. In addition, any assessments due with respect to this Credited Service must be paid in full prior to your retirement. Please note that if you retire on or before January 1, 2018 with a vested benefit, you will receive retirement benefits under the existing Clergy Pension Plan.
- Now is a good time to review the beneficiaries you have listed for your preretirement survivor benefits and life insurance benefits. You can view them at [www.cpg.org/accounts](http://www.cpg.org/accounts).

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