



We at the Board are working hard to support our ministers and employees of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in new and creative ways. If you have other ideas about how we can help, please let me know. I am happy to meet with presbytery and church committees to discuss your thoughts and hopes of how we can strengthen the benefits offered to those that serve the Church.

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The Board of Pensions is a national agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), offering a broad range of benefits to PC(USA) churches, agencies, and mid councils, as well as affiliated employers.

Member/Employer Services: 800-773-7752, M-F 8:30-6:00pm EST

Assistance Program

As part of our commitment to mutual care and wholeness, the Board of Pensions has once again expanded access to the Assistance Program to serve more ministers, employees, retirees, and surviving spouses who have financial need. This latest Assistance Program expansion includes broadened eligibility, increased grant amounts, and two new grants. [Read more](#)

Retirement Conversations

Retirement Conversations is a new online alternative to the Board's in-person THRIVE seminar. It is designed to leverage Board University's on-demand educational offerings covering a wide range of topics related to retirement. This online content is followed by live engagement, focused discussion, and Q&A with other participants, as well as Board University educators. Retirement Conversations is open to plan members, spouses, and surviving spouses within one year of retirement. [Read more](#)

Other important information:

- **New Benefits Connect Coming:** An extensive upgrade is planned later this year for the Benefits Connect system that members and church employers alike use to enroll in and administer benefits. Watch for more updates on pensions.org.
- **New Year Updates:** The new year is a great time for pastors to ensure that personal information is updated and correct in [Benefits Connect](#). If terms of call have been updated, please share with the Board to ensure that all benefits impacts are reflected accurately. This includes updates to [Effective Salary](#). A Pastor's Participation [dues calculator](#) is available if needed.
- **International SOS:** Members covered by the PPO, EPO, or HDHP medical plans or the Medicare Supplement Plan have the protection of International SOS coverage when traveling abroad. [See more](#)

