

# Clergy Retirement Security Program

## At-a-Glance



### The Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP)

is an Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) retirement plan administered by Wespath Benefits and Investments (Wespath)—the largest denominational pension fund in the world. It is designed to provide you with one element of your overall retirement portfolio.

The Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) is a retirement program that offers:

- 1 security through a defined benefit (DB) component that gives you lifetime retirement income, and
- 2 flexibility through a defined contribution (DC) component that provides you with an account balance you can access as your retirement needs require.

### ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to participate if you are a clergy member or local pastor under full-time Episcopal appointment to a conference, church, charge, district or conference-controlled entity or unit and you are receiving compensation. Your conference may also elect to cover clergy appointed at least half-time or at least three-quarter time.

### CRSP FEATURES

- You are automatically enrolled by your plan sponsor.
- You receive account statements quarterly or upon demand.
- Account information is accessible 24/7 through the website ([www.benefitsaccess.org](http://www.benefitsaccess.org)).
- Representatives are available to answer calls at **1-800-851-2201** business days from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Central time.

### DEFINED BENEFIT (DB) COMPONENT

- Provides a monthly retirement benefit that is calculated using the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1.25\% \times \text{Denominational Average Compensation (DAC)}^1 \\
 \text{at retirement} \times \text{years of credited service}^2 \\
 \text{from 1/1/07 through 12/31/13} \\
 + \\
 1.00\% \times \text{DAC}^1 \text{ at retirement} \times \text{years} \\
 \text{of credited service}^2 \text{ after 12/31/13} \\
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 \end{array}$$

- You will have various DB payment options when you retire
- There are annual cost-of-living increase options for retirees

<sup>1</sup> Final compensation substitutes for DAC for periods of service as a bishop.

<sup>2</sup> Reduced for less-than-full-time appointments.

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### Investment and Distribution Assistance

Wespath offers services at no additional cost to you that can help you manage your DC account:\*

- LifeStage Investment Management is an investment service that selects a mix of Wespath funds for your retirement account(s) based on your individual circumstances.
- EY Financial Planning Services assists you with financial planning and investment needs.
- LifeStage Retirement Income automatically issues monthly benefit payments from your DC account that are intended to last your lifetime.\*\*

For more information about LifeStage Investment Management, EY Financial Planning Services and LifeStage Retirement Income, please visit [www.wespath.org/retirement/services/](http://www.wespath.org/retirement/services/).

\* Costs for these services are included in Wespath's operating expenses that are paid for by the funds.

\*\* Lifetime payments are not guaranteed (for example, in the event of extreme market conditions or longevity).

### DEFINED CONTRIBUTION (DC) COMPONENT

- Every month, the Church contributes 2% of your plan compensation to your DC retirement account. In addition, the Church will match your personal contributions to the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) up to 1% of your plan compensation.
- Your account—both earnings and contributions—grows tax deferred until you withdraw money.
- Provides convenient distribution options when you are eligible to access the money in your account—including lump sum or partial distributions, or a series of regular payments.
- Account balance can remain in the plan until the later of participant retirement, termination or age 70½.

