## **UMPIP: Getting Started**



## THE CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PROGRAM (CRSP) IS CHANGING EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014.

Currently, a contribution equal to 3% of your plan compensation (cash salary plus housing) is deposited in your CRSP defined contribution (DC) account. The 3% contribution you receive in CRSP DC is still available. However, starting January 1, you will receive only 2% automatically. You must make a contribution to receive the full 3%. The formula used to calculate your monthly defined benefit (DB) payments is also changing. It will be reduced for service after 2013.

To earn the additional 1% contribution from the Church to CRSP DC, you must save at least 1% of your plan – compensation in the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP). Earning the 1% matching contribution will enable you to keep your CRSP DC contributions unchanged from today.

## HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED:

Complete a UMPIP Before-Tax and After-Tax Contributions Agreement.

- Choose the percentage of plan compensation (cash salary plus housing allowance or cash salary plus 25%, if in a parsonage) that you want to contribute
- Contribute at least 1% to earn the CRSP DC match
- · Contribute more to offset reductions and increase your retirement savings

Submit your completed form to your local church treasurer. The treasurer will:

- · Send a copy of your completed form to the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (General Board)
- Reduce your pay by the percentage of plan compensation you've elected to contribute
- Review the *Contribution Remittance Reminder* from the General Board to ensure the amount of pay withheld matches the amount you elected to contribute and the amount that appears on the reminder
- Send your contributions to the General Board

Increase your contributions over time.

Consult with Ernst & Young Financial Planning Services at 1-800-360-2539 or use the Benefits Access
website at www.benefitsaccess.org to see how much you need to save to meet your goals. Both
projection tools—the Retirement Readiness Tool and Retirement Benefits Projection—can help with
planning your contributions.



## General Board Pension and Health Benefits

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