

Caring For Those Who Serve

1901 Chestnut Avenue Glenview, Illinois 60025-1604 1-800-851-2201 www.gbophb.org DIMES TO DOLLARS: A SAVINGS PLAN FOR YOU ~ HEALTHY YOU...HEALTHY CHURCH ~ HELP! CLERGY TAX LAWS! ~ PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: FINANCIAL GOALS AND TOOLS ~

# **CLERGY BENEFITS ACADEMY**



# **EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION**

\$119.00

(\$209.00 with spouse)

Early-bird registration by:

October 5, 2012

After early-bird ends: \$149.00 (\$239.00 with spouse)

Fee includes two breakfasts, two lunches, refreshment breaks and Academy materials.

## **Register Online:**

www.gbophb.org—click on "Events"

- Classroom Workshops
- Age-Focused Coursework
- One-on-One Consultations
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

# **Comments from February 2012 Attendees:**

"This Academy was excellent!"

"Best use of my time in a long time."

"This would be helpful for young clergy just starting out in ministry."

"I learned things I've never known—and I've been in ministry 14 years."

Who Should Attend?
ACTIVE CLERGY
AND SPOUSES—
ALL AGES!



GENERAL BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **Dimes to Dollars: A Savings Plan for You**

The United Methodist Personal Investment Plan is a key to enhanced retirement security. Learn how to maximize your saving potential and how to tailor your investments to reflect your needs and personal circumstances. Saving has never been so easy. And don't forget—this plan is available to lay staff as well!

#### **Healthy You...Healthy Church**

Get excited about creating a healthier you—and a healthier church. Nutrition and physical activity—from both an individual and a congregational perspective—will be the focal point of this class. Ever thought about creating an outreach ministry around food or organizing your refrigerator for healthier eating? Come prepared to think about food and physical activity in a new way and walk away with tools you can use!

#### **Help! Clergy Tax Laws!**

The laws relating to taxation of clergy compensation can be confusing. This class will help you understand your tax liability, the clergy housing allowance, accountable reimbursement plans and other issues unique to clergy. This is a practical class that will focus on the basic issues.

#### Planning for the Future: Financial Goals and Tools

Do you have financial goals? Is excessive debt eating away at you? Are you monitoring your spending? This class will discuss tools you can use to plan for a more secure retirement. You'll learn about setting goals, the role of debt, the importance of net worth and other basic financial considerations that will help you plan for retirement security. This is a practical class designed to give you basic tips and tools to improve your financial picture.

# Planning for the Future: Beyond the Basics

Once you've set your financial goals, how do you use insurance policies, savings programs and our various denominational benefit plans to take your retirement planning to the next level? What preparations are necessary for those transitional moments when your well-thought-out plans go awry? How do you keep your plans for the future moving forward? This class is designed to help you make the most of your financial planning.

### Planning for the Future: Your Family and Your Estate

Do you have a durable power of attorney or an advanced directive? Do you know where your important documents are located? Have you considered estate planning and your long-term financial legacy? Are you familiar with trusts and estate tax laws? This class is essential as you consider ways to care for your family's future.

# **Social Security for Clergy**

Social Security provides both retirement and disability benefits, yet many clergy do not participate in this important government program. Learn how Social Security can benefit you, how you might qualify for benefits and what you may expect from Social Security during different life events.

# **Unexpected Events: Benefits You Need the Most**

What happens when life throws you a curve and you face a difficult situation involving disability or incapacity? Learn how the Comprehensive Protection Plan helps you through unplanned transitions. In this class, you will learn "what to do" and "what to expect" at those times when you and your family need benefits the most.

#### **United Methodist Pension Benefits Review**

The United Methodist Church offers many benefits to its clergy. This class provides an overview of the benefits you and your family may expect from the Church when you retire. The class will focus on the Clergy Retirement Security Program and the Ministerial Pension Plan.

#### You Can Do It: Living a Healthy and Balanced Life

Clergy health promotion has become a much more recognized need in our denomination, but actually practicing clergy self-care remains very challenging. This class will offer a "self-care checklist," incorporating current trends in health promotion, spiritual care and holistic wellness, so participants can identify both their health strengths and those areas that need improvement. As advocates for health in all its meanings, clergy know their own lives speak the loudest message!

# **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **One-on-One Consultation**

During on-site registration, schedule a consultation with a General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (General Board) staff member. This private session is your opportunity to discuss your own account balance and pension projection. A knowledgeable General Board employee will help you understand your specific benefit situation.

#### **Financial Planning Forum**

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Do you want to talk with our three financial planning instructors? This forum will focus on your specific needs and questions. It will look more closely at several issues, including multigenerational planning and integrating your benefits with those of your spouse.

# More...Living a Balanced Life in the Congregation and Connection

What is balanced pastoral living in your local church and connection? How do you understand and handle your difficult situation? Others have dealt with similar circumstances. Join this intimate, smaller group to share, gain support and take home a new perspective on how to balance your life.

#### Your Dollars at Work: Positive Social Purpose Investing

The General Board is a socially responsible investor. Learn how the dollars invested on your behalf uphold the values of The United Methodist Church and help promote the goals outlined in the Social Principles.



# **Clergy Benefits Academy**

November 12–14, 2012

Galloway, New Jersey

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