

Retirement with Care, Dignity, and Support

*We're Here to Help—financial support
may be available to you*

The challenges and often sacrifices that are made while serving in ministry can take a toll on one's personal and professional life. In providing financial support to retirees, the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA), the philanthropic arm of the Pension Boards, seeks to relieve the worries and financial demands so that greater wellbeing and wholeness in life and ministry are experienced. This is sacred work because it ensures that those who served the United Church of Christ experience retirement with care, dignity and support.



Who is eligible to apply?

Individuals over the age of 65 or receiving long term disability benefits and one of the following:

- UCC Authorized Ministers in good standing—Pension Boards' membership is not a requirement
- Lay Employees of a UCC congregation, Association, Conference, or National Setting, with a minimum of 10 years of service
- Surviving spouses/partners of the above

When to apply?

- Additional support is needed to make ends meet on a monthly basis
- Additional support is needed to afford UCC Medicare Advantage Plan with Rx
- If you are an authorized minister or lay employee and your total household income is below \$48,000 or if you are a surviving partner and your total household income is below \$37,500.

Note: Individuals who receive or are eligible for Medicaid are not eligible for this support. This includes those living in a skilled nursing facility or nursing home where grants must be reported as income. In many cases, reporting this income may reduce state or federal benefits, limiting the overall benefit of the grant.

What support is possible?

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Income Supplementation Grants

You may have found that saving for an adequate retirement wasn't fully possible, or that living costs are higher than expected. In these situations, ongoing income supplementation grants may be available to help with monthly expenses. Grant amounts are based on 20 years of UCC service or are prorated for shorter service.

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Health Benefits Supplementation

Caring for your health is essential, and covering medical premiums can be a significant part of your budget. Health Benefits Supplementation may be available to help pay premiums for the UCC Medicare Advantage Plan with Rx for you and your spouse.

How to apply?

- Applications can be received and reviewed anytime throughout the year.
- [Click Here](#) to learn more about Retiree Grants and follow the link labeled Ministerial Assistance Grant Directory to access the online UCBMA/MBMA: Financial Assistance for Retirees.
- Complete the application by filling in your contact information and detailed financial information requested.
- Upload a copy of your 1040 tax form or SSI Verification Letter within the application.

If you cannot complete an online application for any reason, please contact ministerialassistance@pbucc.org

What to expect?

- Once your application is complete, you will receive an email stating that the information has been received.
- If there are any questions about your application or additional information is needed, you will be contacted by Pension Boards' staff.
- Processing time is between 4 to 6 weeks and once a decision has been made, you will be notified via the preferred contact method noted on the application.