

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE LOCAL CHURCH
CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PLAN
AND
CONFERENCE-SPONSORED UMPIP PLAN
PENSIONS RESOLUTION FORM 2023**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2006 to participate in the Clergy Retirement Security Plan of the United Methodist Church that took effect 1/1/07, and,

WHEREAS, Participants shall be all Clergy serving under Episcopal appointment to a Louisiana Conference-controlled charge of the Louisiana Annual Conference including Deacons and Local Pastors, and,

WHEREAS, the General Conference Legislation of 2012, no longer requires participants that serve less than full time appointments to participate in the CRSP plan, effective 1/1/14, and;

WHEREAS, the General Conference Legislation of 2012, no longer provides the CRSP plan for participants serving less than half (1/2) time, effective 1/1/14, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2013, effective 1/1/14, for participants serving at least half (1/2) time under Episcopal appointment to a Louisiana Conference-controlled charge of the Louisiana Conference including Deacons and Local Pastors, shall participate in Wespath Benefits and Investments (formerly GBOPHB) Clergy Retirement Security Plan (CRSP) plan, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2013, effective 1/1/14, for participants serving less than half (1/2) time under Episcopal appointment to a Louisiana Conference-controlled charge of the Louisiana Conference including Deacons and Local Pastors, shall participate in Wespath Benefits and Investments (formerly GBOPHB) Louisiana Conference-Sponsored United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP), and;

WHEREAS, “pension benefits” have been legally determined to be “deferred compensation.”

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church does hereby accept full ethical, moral and legal responsibility for the payment in full of monthly billed pension premiums for the pastor(s) assigned to said church, and,

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church will pay the monthly billed pension premiums in a timely manner, and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church understands that failure to pay the monthly billed pension premiums in full will be taken into consideration relative to whether or not the congregation is financially able to support a pastor(s) in the future.

Church Lay Leader’s Signature: _____

Church Council Chair’s Signature: _____

Finance Chair’s Signature: _____

Staff Parish Chair’s Signature: _____

Pastor(s) Signature: _____

If more than one clergy person, each must sign.

District Superintendent’s Signature: _____

Date of Conference at which this document was executed: _____

[This document shall be a part of stated business of every Charge Conference to be read and executed in the presence of the other members of the Charge Conference. It **MUST** be completed even if the clergy person is not currently eligible for such benefits.]