

Clergy Retirement Eligibility

According to ¶ 358 of the 2012 Book of Discipline, eligibility for clergy retirement can be based either on age or years of service. Clergy need only meet one of the following criteria for their retirement classification – they do not need to meet both. (Please refer to the Discipline for complete details.)

Full Retirement: Age 65 or 40 years of service

Early Retirement: Age 62 or 30 years of service
(Under Early Retirement, clergy are eligible for retirement benefits at the time of retirement, but benefits may be subject to a reduction since they will be paid over a longer period of time).

Twenty Year Rule 20 years of service
Clergy who retire under the Twenty Year Rule must wait until age 62 to begin receiving retirement benefits. Also, clergy who retire under the Twenty Year Rule will not be eligible for Retiree Death Benefits under the Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP).

Mandatory Retirement Age 72 on or before July 1