

Special Benefits for Retired Clergy

The Louisiana Conference Board of Pensions (BOP) provides several special benefits for Retired Clergy:

- Annual Conference Journal

The current year's Journal is provided free of charge to those retirees who are not under appointment and who request a Journal. The form for requesting a Journal is in the Pre-conference Report each year and must be submitted by the deadline stated on the form in order to receive this benefit.

- Annual Conference Lodging and Meals

If a retiree is not under appointment and stays in the dorms at Centenary College for Annual Conference, the BOP pays certain expenses for attendance at Annual Conference. Also, presently there is no registration fee for Annual Conference for a retiree not under appointment. There is usually a mailing in late February or in March about retiree registration and what the Board of Pensions will pay for Annual Conference.

- Moving Allowance

The BOP provides a move benefit for full elders, provisional elders, associate members and full-time local pastors presently under appointment who are retiring. This is a one-time benefit and must be used within one year of the date of retirement. The maximum amount of the benefit is \$6,000. In the event a clergy couple retires, there is only one \$6,000 benefit unless the clergy couple is living in two different homes/parsonages in two different cities in their last appointments. If one member of a clergy couple retires and the other clergy couple member will continue in active status, a benefit is only due if the clergy retiring has been living in a separate home/parsonage in a separate city from the clergy spouse not retiring. The following items may be reimbursed under this benefit: supplies (boxes, tape, packing material); rental of truck, dolly, blankets, and fees paid to non-related packers OR the costs of the moving company; one month's rental of a pod or storage unit not to exceed 10 ft. x 20 ft.; gas purchased for a rental moving truck, if utilized; one night stay on the road and one meal on the road for family members moving with the retiree from the last appointment location to the retirement location; and mileage at the IRS moving rate between the present appointment location and the retired location for one vehicle. Itemized receipts must be provided to support all expenses.

There is a [form](#) used to request this benefit and receipts for all expenses must be attached to the form to be reimbursed.

- Retiree Retreat

Retirees gather for a retreat partially underwritten by the BOP to reminisce, learn a few new things, worship, play games, and generally just enjoy each other's company. The next retreat is scheduled at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana on October 11 – 13, 2015. Dave Fortuna will be sending retiree's information about this retreat at a later date.