



### Voluntary Transition Program



# **Topics—Voluntary Transition Program**

- Background
- Eligibility
- Transition benefits
- Process and approvals
- Utilization

## **Voluntary Transition Program**



### "Staying in a vocation when it is no longer life-giving is detrimental to health."

-Church Systems Task Force Report

# When It's Time for a Change



Eligible Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) participants who wish to leave ordained ministry

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- Withdrawal from ministry
- Conference approval
- Severance benefits

# **Voluntary Transition Eligibility**

- At least 5 years in full connection
- In good standing
- In CPP 5 years immediately before separation
- More than 2 years from eligible to retire
- Surrender of credentials
- Conference leadership approval

# **Additional Eligibility**



### Voluntary Leave or Transitional Leave

- Granted within last 24 months
- In CPP 5 years prior to granting of leave

### **Severance Benefits**

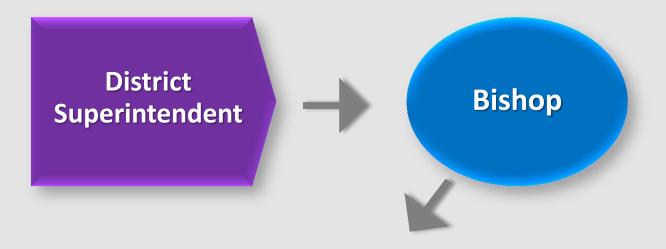
#### Paid by Plan

- Transition payment
  - 2 weeks compensation (salary + housing) for each full year of service— "Transition Period"
  - Maximum 6 months pay
  - Paid in **lump sum** via direct deposit
- Outplacement services

#### **Paid by Conference**

- Health insurance during Transition Period
- Moving expenses

# **Voluntary Transition Approvals**



Board of Ordained Ministry; Conference Relations Committee

# **Conference Duties and Processes**

- Information about program
- Eligibility validation
- Approvals and signatures
- Completed form submission
- Conference-provided benefits
  - Health insurance continuation
  - Moving expenses
- Withdrawal and surrender of credentials

## **Voluntary Transitions To Date**



18 CONFERENCES			
# of Conferences	# of Participants		
10	1		
5	2		
1	3		
1	4		
1	5		

2013	2014	2015	2016 YTD
4	7	17	4

### **Sunset Provision**



### Voluntary Transition Program ends **December 31, 2020**

### Resources



- Conference Liaisons and Benefits Educators
  1-800-269-2244 + Extension
- Participants—1-800-851-2201
- Information link—https://extranet.gbophb.org/express/bom/

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