



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

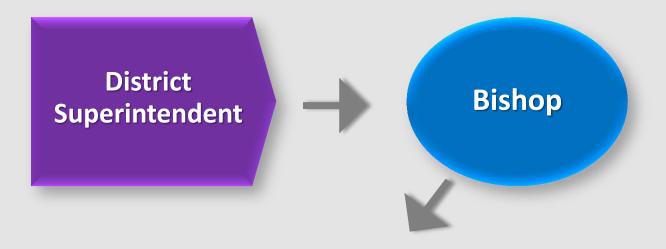
Paid by Plan

- 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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