

Guidelines for Retired Ministers Assistance

The following guidelines will become the basis for determining assistance for the retired ministers and ministers' widows or widowers of the Church of God in Virginia:

1. History of at least ten years of full-time ministry in Virginia.
 - Fulltime ministry is defined as 50 sermons a year and received income from ministry.
2. Current resident of Virginia.
3. Current faithful member of a Church of God congregation in Virginia.
4. Retired ministers who return to vocational ministry receive assistance as follows:
 - Those ministers who are appointed as a senior pastor of a local church but not as 'interim pastor' who also receive full time compensation/salary will receive no assistance.
 - Those ministers who are appointed as a senior pastor of a local church but not as 'interim pastor' who also receive partial compensation/salary will receive up to half of the benefits offered for retired ministers.
5. All assistance will be based on the approved budget and as funds are available.
6. Any exception to the stated guidelines must be approved by the State Administrative Bishop and/or the State Council.

Procedure for Receiving Assistance:

State Camp Meeting

- Must attend the camp meeting to receive assistance.
- Must be classified as a retired minister or minister's widow or widower.
- Must meet the requirements as outlined in the guidelines for assistance.

General Assembly

- Must be a registered delegate of the Assembly.
- Must attend the General Assembly.
- Must make the request in writing to the state office.
- Must be classified as a retired minister or minister's widow or widower.
- Must meet the requirements as outlined in the guidelines for assistance.

Christmas

- Must be classified as a retired minister or minister's widow or widower.
- Must meet the requirements as outlined in the guidelines for assistance.

Additional Information:

That local churches who have retired ministers and/or a minister's widow or widower in their congregation be encouraged to:

- "adopt" those individuals and assist them as necessary to attend State and International ministry functions.
- provide for the care and support of retired ministers in partnership with the state office.