

That the following resolution be adopted by the Indiana Conference:

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for
Retired or Disabled Pastors of this Conference

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church has and functions through Ministers of the Gospel who are duly ordained or licensed; and

WHEREAS, the practice of The United Methodist Church is to provide a parsonage or a rental allowance as part of the gross compensation for each of its active ordained or licensed pastors; and

WHEREAS, pensions paid to retired and disabled ordained or licensed pastors of The United Methodist Church are considered as deferred compensation and are paid to said retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers in consideration of previous, active service, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized that the Indiana Annual Conference is the appropriate organization to designate a housing/rental allowance for retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers who are members of this conference;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2018 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of the United Methodist Church who is or was a member of the Indiana Annual Conference at the time of his or her retirement or disability,
2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relation or placed on disability leave by the Indiana Annual Conference, and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Journal of the Indiana Annual Conference and in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.
3. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired and disabled ordained or licensed pastor from all employment by any local church, Annual Conference, or institution of The United Methodist Church or any former denomination that is now a part of The United Methodist Church, or from any other employer who employed the pastor to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions to the pension funds of The United Methodist Church for such retired ministers pension.

NOTE:

The rental/housing allowance which may be excluded from a pastor's gross income is limited to the lesser of (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the minister's employer or other appropriate body, (2) the amount actually expended by the minister to provide his or her housing, or (3) the legally-determined fair rental value of the parsonage or other housing provided. As specified in Rev. Rul. 71-290, C.B. 92, "the only amount that will qualify for exclusion under section 107(2) of the Code as a 'rental allowance' is an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities."