Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church

Moving Policies

A. Persons eligible for conference-paid moves include appointed itinerant clergy within Indiana which include:

- Elders
- Provisional Elders (PE)
- Full-Time Local Pastors (FTLP)
- Retirees (one move only to retirement within one year of retirement date)
- Seminary Students (to first full-time appointment)
- Surviving Spouse of Active Clergy (FE, PE, FTLP within one year after death)
- Others eligible for conference-paid moves include: conference professional staff and special appointments fully funded by the Indiana Conference.

B. Prior to any move being approved or funded, the moving pastor must attain and submit binding estimates from two moving companies to the Conference Moving Coordinator and indicate the mover they choose to use.

C. The total amount allowed for each move will be determined each year by the Council on Finance & Administration and recommended to the Annual Conference. Beginning with move dates January 1, 2018 all moves within the state of Indiana for eligible persons will be paid in full up to 13,000 pounds. All moves within the state over 13,000 pounds will be paid at a maximum of $3,000.

D. Any church receiving a new pastor that did not pay their Conference tithe at 100% in the prior calendar year will be required to contribute $2,000 to the conference moving fund to offset costs of their pastor’s move.

E. All moves across state lines (in or out) will be paid at a maximum of $3,000.

F. All overages will be billed directly to the clergy person by the mover. This is a condition of using a moving company.

G. Those eligible for a conference paid move may select a self-move. Eligible expenses include the cost of truck rental, equipment, packing materials, fuel cost/mileage and labor. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement. Reimbursements are not to exceed $3,000.

H. Items that specifically will not be paid for include: transport of vehicles, special labor for dis-assembly or assembly of items.

I. Conference-paid insurance is for $50,000 in contents; additional insurance should be purchased if desired.

J. Any exceptions to this policy will need to be funded outside of this budget line item in the Conference Budget.

K. Any situation not covered under this policy will be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration.

L. Due to tax reform regulations, ALL Conference paid moves will be issued a 1099.