



Gratitude in Action

The Shepherd Fund

The purpose of the Shepherd Fund is to offset costs for retired clergy and spouses in times of need, i.e. -emergency, family crisis, financial, etc. and/or a situation in which financial assistance is deemed necessary. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Hearing Aids
- Vision Assistance
- Natural Disasters
- Funeral Costs
- Extraordinary Dental Work
- Unforeseen Relocation Costs
- Food, Clothing, Shelter

The Shepherd Fund differs from the “Necessitous Fund” that the Board of Pensions currently manages on behalf of the Conference. The Shepherd Fund is strictly for retired clergy and spouses pursuant to The Endowment Board’s mission.

The Fund will be discretionary and managed, vetted, and administered by the Conference Board of Pensions.

An initial \$18,000 will be granted to the Conference Board of Pensions and reviewed on an annual basis, at which time The Endowment Board’s Board of Trustees will reassess the gift amount. The Conference Board of Pensions will provide The Endowment Board with a detailed, one-page annual report of how the funds were utilized to serve the retired clergy and spouses.