

Why Belong to The Preachers' Relief Society?

Most members of The
Preachers' Relief Society give
two answers:

So that The Preachers'
Relief Society can provide help
for them and their families if it
is needed, and

So that The Preachers'
Relief Society can continue to
provide help for their clergy
colleagues.

Your membership in The
Preachers' Relief Society makes
possible this support for West
Ohio clergy and their families.

For more information about The
Preachers' Relief Society of the
West Ohio Conference of
The United Methodist Church,
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Use this contact for dues payments,
questions about membership,
information about life memberships, and
Application for PRS Grant forms.

The Preachers' Relief Society of the West
Ohio Conference of The United Methodist
Church is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.
Contributions from congregations, groups,
and individuals to its Capital Fund for
permanent endowment are tax-deductible as
permitted by law. An annual meeting of The
Preachers' Relief Society is held during the
West Ohio Annual Conference session each
year.

PRS



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The Preachers' Relief Society is a voluntary, non-profit benevolent organization of clergy and their families in the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. It is an affiliated organization of the conference.

Begun in 1837, PRS predates pensions and medical insurance in the conference and the denomination. Ministers in the former Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church decided that an organization such as The Preachers' Relief Society would help "tired, worn-out preachers and their families."

Almost two centuries later, the phrasing is quaint but the purpose is the same: to bring relief where it is needed. While clergy and their families now participate in pension plans and health care coverage, both sometimes fall short, and The Preachers' Relief Society stands ready to help its members in situations such as when:

- High deductible medical insurance policies leave a gap before full coverage
- Vision or dental plans require prepayments
- Births or deaths bring extraordinary expenses
- A fire, storm, flood, or other natural disaster requires immediate response

On application from a member, The Preachers' Relief Society may make a grant for these or other needs. The grants are made outright; they are not loans and no strings are attached.

Grants are not for fixed or specific amounts, and they are not guaranteed, but are based entirely upon the needs of members, and so are not IRS taxable.

Every appointed clergy in the West Ohio Conference (Elders, Deacons, Provisionals on Elder or Deacon track), associate members, licensed local pastors, clergy from other conferences/denominations appointed in West Ohio, and clergy from other denominations appointed in West Ohio is eligible for membership in The Preachers' Relief Society, subject to age limit and conference membership requirements.

Membership is voluntary, not mandatory. Payment of annual dues and continuing conference membership guarantees eligibility for grants. Life memberships are also available. Membership rates:

Application and one year \$25

Renewal for one year \$25

*Lifetime ages 25-40 \$300

*Lifetime ages 41-59 \$200

*Lifetime ages 60 and above \$100

(*To become a lifetime member, a person must have been a member of the Society for at least one full year)

PRS Membership Application

Detach and fill out this application and **send with \$25 initial membership fee** to address below.

First name:

Middle name or initial:

Last name:

Street:

City:

ZIP:

Telephone: ()

E-mail:

I am (please circle below)

Elder Deacon Associate Member

Provisional Licensed Local Pastor

Clergy from another conference

Clergy from another denomination

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