

# The Assistance Program

## SUPPORT FOR EVERY STEP

As the agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that administers benefits, and provides assistance and education, the Board of Pensions is keenly aware of unmet financial needs among members, ministers, and retirees.

The Assistance Program is one way we express care for one another. It can help you — and all eligible members of the Benefits Plan of the PC(USA) — with financial assistance.

## GRANTS FOR ALL MEMBERS\*

**Eligibility varies by grant and includes members, both ministers and lay, who serve the Church and members who work for an organization affiliated with the PC(USA), such as senior housing and care facilities, colleges and universities, and camps and conference centers.**

## ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

**\$6,500**

You may receive assistance at the completion of an adoption to help with a portion of adoption-related expenses. Your adopted child must be a dependent under age 21 and can be adopted domestically or internationally.

## TRANSITION-TO-COLLEGE ASSISTANCE

**Up to \$3,000**

Any dependent up to age 26 may be eligible to receive \$2,000 for expenses, such as a computer, if entering a college, university, community college, or technical or trade school (excludes post-baccalaureate education). And, if the child attends a PC(USA) college or university, you may be eligible for an additional \$1,000.

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

**Up to \$5,000**

If you need financial help because of an emergency, you may be eligible for a one-time grant for financial relief from a natural disaster or unexpected expense. Talk to your employer about applying for this type of assistance because it is initiated by them. Groups of members affected by natural disasters may also apply.

*\*Includes retirees and surviving spouses.*



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## DO YOU QUALIFY?

We encourage all Benefits Plan members to review eligibility requirements to see if they may qualify to receive a grant. Eligibility varies but typically is based on income and other factors. For applications and more details, see [pensions.org/assistance](https://pensions.org/assistance).



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