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COMPASS

Compass: Coming January 2026





Agenda

- What clergy need to know about Compass
- What churches need to know about Compass
- Q&A



What to Know

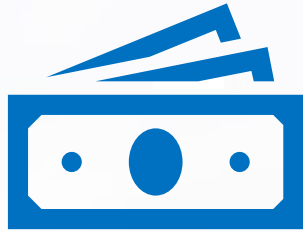
- **Active clergy**—keep benefits earned previously under legacy plans (Pre-82, MPP, CRSP)
- **Retired clergy**—no impact, no changes
- **Eligibility**—
 - NIC- 50%, 75%, 100% Clergy
 - WI- 75%, 100% Clergy

UMC Retirement Contributions

(effective January 1, 2026)

Automatic contributions

In partnership with clergy



\$150* per month



3% of compensation**



**\$1/\$1 matching
contribution
(up to 4% of compensation)**

* 2026 amount; increases 2% per year (\$5 increments)/prorated to appointment percentage

** Compensation includes 35% parsonage value or housing allowance

Clergy Partnership is Essential

- Contribute 4% of your compensation to unlock the full match
- Contribute what you can afford



Plan Features Designed to Help

- Parsonage value increase from 25% to 35%
- Student loan provision
- Automatic enrollment and escalation
- LifeStage Investment Management
- LifeStage Retirement Income





Parsonage Value Increase

Parsonage value/housing allowance—**included in pay**

Deemed parsonage value—**increases from 25% to 35% of pay**

- Reflects a more realistic value
- Subject to minimum and maximum

Student Loan Provision

- Counts qualified educational loan payments *as if* they were clergy contributions to Compass up to 4% of compensation
 - **Earn 4% plan sponsor match**
- Participants will have ability to **self-certify** qualifying payments
- Self-certification expected to be done via [Benefits Access](#)
- Informed by **SECURE 2.0 Act legislation**



Automatic Features in Compass

Automatic features will help protect clergy who are less engaged:

Auto enrollment

Get clergy contributing at rate no less than

4%

Auto escalation

Increase savings rate incrementally over time

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Automatic features do not change **personal** options—they only change **default** option.

Personal Contributions in Compass— Transferring UMPIP* Elections



Participants contributing
\$0 now



Will be **auto-enrolled at 4%** before-tax**

Participants contributing
less than 4%**
with **one** contribution type
(before-tax only, Roth only,
or after-tax only)



Will be **auto enrolled at 4%** same type**

Participants contributing
4% or more**



Same rate/type carries into Compass (dollar amounts converted to %)

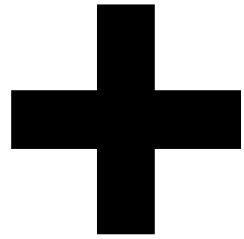
* UMPIP: United Methodist Personal Investment Plan

** Or higher, if elected by the conference

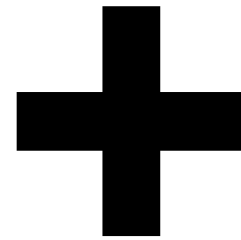
All Retirement is calculated on Plan Compensation



Salary



Housing

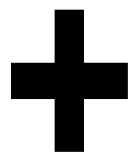


**Personal portion of
medical insurance
paid by the
church/charge**

Plan Compensation– Parsonage Provided



Salary



**Personal portion of
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1.35

**Equivalent
for
Parsonage**



**Plan
Compensation**

What this looks like

- Pastor cash salary = \$50,000
- Parsonage provided = $\$50,000 \times 1.35 = \$67,500$
- Church portion of Compass:
 - \$150 per month flat fee = \$1,800 per year
 - 7% of \$67,500 = \$4,725 per year (\$393.75 per month)
- Clergy will need to contribute at least 4% to get the full 4% match
 - 4% of \$67,500 = \$2,700 per year or \$225 per month

Church Billing

- Pastor cash salary = \$50,000
- Housing allowance (\$20,000) = \$70,000 plan compensation
- Church portion of Compass:
 - \$150 per month flat fee = \$1,800 per year
 - 7% of \$70,000 = \$4,900 per year (\$408.33 per month)
- Clergy will need to contribute at least 4% to get the full 4% match
 - 4% of \$70,000 = \$2,800 per year or \$233.33 per month

What this looks like

- Compass
 - Church responsibility:
 - \$150 per month flat fee
 - 7% of the Clergy's PLAN COMPENSATION
 - Clergy Portion:
 - Clergy Personal Portion of Compass (hopefully 4% or more)
 - This no longer goes to WESPATH as UMPIP, it will be a part of the Conference Billing

SPRC and Clergy Benefits



- Ensure clergy can put in the full 4% to get the full match
 - If not, do they have *student loan payments* for themselves or a dependent? This money can be used to fulfill the match requirement
- Can the church redirect funds?
 - Saving on the Clergy Healthflex Flat Rate- no increase in NIC
 - Compass billing will be less than CRSP- Both
- Make sure clergy can budget for increase in personal portion of health insurance as well



Any Questions?