



Benefits Connect Tip:

Securely Access Your Statement of Benefits Online

Active and disabled members who have Traditional Program coverage and retirees and survivors with a mailing address in the United States who receive monthly pension payments can get a current Statement of Benefits online. The easy-to-follow format consolidates information about the benefits you are receiving through the Benefits Plan into a report that you can review, save, and print.

To access your online statement, [log in](#) to your Benefits Connect account. Then, quickly generate your Statement of Benefits by clicking on

- the "Generate Your Statement of Benefits" button on the Welcome page that opens when you log in; or
- "Statement of Benefits" under "My Benefits" in the left-hand menu.

If you are not already taking advantage of Benefits Connect, [register today!](#)

Participants Voice Opinions on a Range of Topics at 2013 Regional Benefits Consultations

A total of 437 mid council representatives gathered with Board of Pensions staff at the 2013 Eastern and Western/Central Regional Benefits Consultations (RBCs), held in Philadelphia and Arlington, Texas, respectively.

In addition to a series of presentations on the state of healthcare and the "Changing Church," this year's RBCs included feedback sessions that gave attendees an opportunity to voice their opinions on a range of topics, including the [three proposals](#) the Board is considering for restructuring the medical dues model of the Traditional Program. The Eastern RBC feedback session was recorded and [is available for viewing](#).

Presentations given at the 2013 RBCs included the following:

- Patricia M. Haines, the Board's Senior Vice President, Benefits, presented [The State of Healthcare Benefits](#), during which she detailed the financial pressures on the Medical Plan.
- Reverend Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, delivered the keynote address, [The Changing Church](#), describing findings that indicate fewer Americans claim a religious identity.
- Robert W. Maggs Jr., President and Chief Executive of the Board, followed the keynote with a presentation on [Supporting the Changing Church](#).
- Judith D. Freyer, Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Investment Officer at the Board, [gave an investment update](#).

To learn more about the presentations and discussions at this year's RBCs, read the [news article on pensions.org](#).

Board of Pensions Releases *2012 Annual Review*

The Board of Pensions has released its [2012 Annual Review](#) under the headline Benefits through the Stages of Your Life: We'll Walk Beside You. The *Annual Review* package includes

- [Financial Report 2012](#), which presents financial results and management's considerations related to the financial condition of the Benefits Plan and Assistance Program;
- [With Appreciation donor booklet](#), which covers the Assistance Program and lists the names of those who donated to the program in 2012;
- [Highlights brochure](#), which presents important information and figures in a quick, convenient format.

Read the [news article on pensions.org](#) for more information about the *2012 Annual Review*.

2013 *Benefits Administration Handbook* Is Available

The 2013 edition of the [Benefits Administration Handbook for Churches and Employing Organizations of the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) is available.

This handbook can help church treasurers, clerks of session, and business administrators in their roles as benefits liaisons to the Board of Pensions. It provides practical information about benefits enrollment, dues, and taxes, among other topics, with an emphasis on administrative concerns.

If you would like a printed copy of the *Benefits Administration Handbook*, call 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN) and speak with a member service representative to request one.