



Monthly News from the Board of Pensions April 2012

Welcome to the April 2012 issue of *RegionalLinks Monthly*. Produced by the Board of Pensions for regional representatives, this publication highlights recent Board news and other important updates for your information and for you to share with mid-council personnel and other contacts in your field. We hope you find this information useful, and we welcome your feedback at any time. Contact us at RegionalLinks@pensions.org.

Benefits Connect Tip:

Active and disabled members can get a current pension estimate on Benefits Connect.

If you're an active or disabled member, you can use Benefits Connect to get a current pension estimate. Plus, if you have Traditional Program coverage, you can view, download, and print a summary of all your benefits online by generating a current statement of benefits on Benefits Connect.

If you haven't registered yet, just [follow the simple steps](#) outlined on the site.

Board of Pensions Releases Its 2011 Annual Review

The Board of Pensions has released its *2011 Annual Review*, a collection of three publications that detail the Board's work last year and its outlook for 2012 and beyond. The *Annual Review* includes the following:

- "[People with a Purpose: Driven by Mission, Guided by Values](#)," which explains the work of the Board in 2011 through the words of its senior managers. These leaders reflect on their teams' actions last year, including challenges and accomplishments. They also anticipate the work that lies ahead and the forces that may affect it, including healthcare reform and shifting demographics in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- "[Financial Report 2011](#)," which presents the management considerations related to the finances of the Benefits Plan and the Assistance Program.
- "[With Appreciation](#)," which reports on the work of the Assistance Program and gratefully acknowledges the many hundreds of generous donors who supported it in 2011.

Together, these publications reinforce the Board's identity and mission and help familiarize readers with its recent work. They are available on pensions.org, or you may request print copies by calling the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN).

Spring 2012 Issue of *EducationTalk* Available

The spring 2012 issue of *EducationTalk* is available on pensions.org. Featured topics include the following:

- “Education Seminar Spotlight: Render unto Caesar”
- An online resource focused on retirees’ needs
- Updated Small Employer Healthcare Tax Credit resources on pensions.org

This is the last issue of *EducationTalk*, but you can learn more about the Board’s educational offerings and events in the upcoming summer 2012 issue of *The Board Bulletin* or online at pensions.org.

Coming Next Month: Read All about the Regional Benefits Consultations (RBC)

April is a busy month with the 2012 Regional Benefits Consultations (RBCs) being held in Dallas, April 18-19, and Baltimore, April 26-27. The RBCs provide opportunities to connect with constituencies face to face and exchange information and ideas. Look out for the May issue of *RegionalLinks Monthly* to read all about the happenings at these annual events.

Please remember as your regional representative, I am available to assist those in your presbytery who are in any way related to the work of the Board of Pensions, by offering:

- 1) Church Treasurer & Business Administrator Workshops
- 2) Clergy Terms of Call seminars
- 3) CPM Consultations
- 4) Retiree Luncheons; and
- 5) Benefits Overview Presentations

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Thought for the Day

“The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be”

- Socrates