

TEMA/TÍTULO: Beneficios para el Clero: Pensión para Cónyuges de Clérigos Difuntos

PROPONENTE: Diocese of Washington

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*Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de \_\_\_\_\_ que la 76<sup>a</sup> Convención General solicite que el Church Pension Fund utilice una parte de los Fondos Adicionales, por encima de las Reservas Requeridas y la Reserva para Cambios en los Valores, para aumentar las prestaciones de los beneficiarios supervivientes que se encuentran por debajo de la media.

EXPLANATION:

As of March of 2008, the Church Pension Fund had reserves of 5.1 billion dollars to fully fund the pensions of all the presently retired clergy and of all those clergy still active and 1 billion dollars in a securities evaluation reserve to handle any market downturns. This leaves an additional 2.7 billion dollars in additional funds. The average age of surviving spouses is 78.1 years and the average pension is \$17,626.00. Those above the average age (and some below it) retired when the only option for spouses was to receive 50% of their husband's pension following his death. The pension they receive is too low to live a decent life. The resolution asks that some of the additional 2.7 billion dollars be used to raise the pensions of these persons. In order to have a standard of comparison, The Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergy (an organization that applies to clergy in the three Maryland Dioceses only) has set a minimum income for widows/partners/widowers of \$45,000 in 2008.