



**Triennial Assembly 2016 - Diakonia: Engaging God's Mission**  
Open Space Notes

**The Church Pension Group (CPG)**  
June 16, 2016

Discussion led by Janet Todd, from from CPG  
11 deacons present  
Notes by Wanda Cuniff

Janet: Unless there is money coming in on your behalf, then there will be no pension. Be sure you are in the CPG records. Your Diocese should enroll you on your ordination. The forms are online:  
[www.cpg.org](http://www.cpg.org)

If you get a position with compensation from The Episcopal Church, earning at least \$200 a month for at least 3 consecutive months, your church should be paying assessments on you. You can also self-pay. At age 72, CPG no longer takes assessments.

Be sure to send "a new assignment" notice when you take on a compensated job. Submit it to the CPG Fund ASAP. It is up to the clergy person to do this.

Your bishop may be able to help you negotiate with the Church Pension Fund.

Extension of Ministry – if you work in an organization not affiliated with The Episcopal Church, but that has a pastoral aspect and you are paid, your Bishop can approve so that you or your employer pays assessments. Negotiate. The assessment should be 18% of your salary.

You must have 5 years of credited service in order to vest.

Call Client services 866-802-6333 to get set up for assessments.

Changes are coming. Bi-vocational priests are increasing in number and will be in our same boat as deacons. Do not discard your Church Pension Group mail! Even if you do not qualify for a pension, you can take advantage of life insurance, travel insurance, and resettlement benefits. There are benefits in being vested.

All new deacons should be informed .

You can buy your own health insurance from CPF. You can purchase IRA annuities at lower fees. You can get travel insurance, especially for Diocesan Mission trips, even if you are not vested.

For questions, send email to [jtodd@cpg.org](mailto:jtodd@cpg.org) and she will set up a time to talk to you...she travels a lot.