## 2021 MINIMUM TERMS OF CALL FOR FULL TIME CLERGY

BOP requires that Medical dues be based on effective salary but not less than \$44,000 and not more than \$124,000 Social Security, Pensions, and Death/Disability are based on effective salary

	2020	2021 0% Increase
I. Effective Salary *(POD Minimum)		
a. Cash Salary, Housing Allowance, & Deferred Compensation	\$47,238	\$47,238
b. Self-Employment Contribution Act Reimbursement		
(Any portion over 7.65% of Effective Salary)		
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY*	\$47,238	\$47,238
II. Benefits		
a. BOP Medical 27% Effective Salary (Minimum \$44,000)	\$11,809	\$12,754
b. BOP Pensions 8.5% Effective Salary	\$ 5,196	\$ 4,015
c. BOP Death/Disability 1% Effective Salary	\$ 472	\$ 472
d. BOP Temporary Disability 0.5% Effective Salary		\$ 236
e. Social Security Reimbursement		
(7.65% of Effective Salary*)	\$3,614	\$ 3,614
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$21,091	\$21,091
III. Reimbursed Expenses (as designated by the pastor)		
a. Medical Deductible  **or contribution to Flexible Spending Accounts – see below	\$ 472	\$ 472
b. Study Allowance Reimbursed	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
c. Professional Expenses (Vouchered & Reimbursed)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Auto Reimbursement at IRS Allowable Rate		
Business Expenses (books, dues, etc.)		
TOTAL REIMBURSED EXPENSES	\$ 2,972	\$ 2972
GRAND TOTAL MINIMUM TERMS OF CALL	\$71,301	\$71,301

<sup>\*</sup> POD Minimum effective salary. Manse value is considered 30% of this total by the Board of Pensions. Cash housing allowance is flexible, but must reflect actual expenses of operating the home.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Attend Transition in Ministry Workshop. All new and existing full-time calls are required to meet the minimum. Less than full time calls are prorated based on 50 hours for full time.
- b. Four weeks' vacation (including 4 Sundays); and two weeks' study leave (including 2 Sundays) are required.
- c. Study Allowance and Leave may be accumulated up to 6 weeks by Session action.
- d. All installed positions require participation in the Board of Pensions.
- e. BOP Median Salary for 2021 is \$61,200

<sup>\*\*</sup> The setting aside of a Medical Reimbursable amount by a presbytery is optional. As an alternative, many presbyteries and pastors are moving away from requiring a medical deductible amount paid by the church, and opting for contributions to Flexible Spending Accounts (as approved by session) as such accounts can be used for a wider array of medical/health expenses. There is also a tax advantage for the pastor in such an arrangement. For more information and list of options please visit the Board of Pensions website, www.pensions.org.