Calculating Minimum and Total Salary – Pastoral Staff

The minimum represents employment earnings. It is the pastor's responsibility to identify how much is to be allocated for housing (Clergy Residence Exclusion based on IRS rules).

Step 1 Recommended Minimum Salary for 2023 (including Housing)

\$56,740.00

Step 2

Calculate adjustment based on Church's Annual Budget. Use the current year's total budget (2022) to determine the figure to be used.

Calculation based on Church Budget

If the	% of Minimum	Our
Church's Budget	Salary to be	Percentage
is	added:	is:
\$0 and \$60,000	0%	
\$61,000 and \$100,000	add 3%	
\$101,000 and \$150,000	add 7.5%	
\$151,000 and \$200,000	add 10%	
\$201,000 and \$275,000	add 15%	
\$276,000 and \$350,000	add 20%	
\$351,000 and \$425,000	add 25%	
\$426,000 and above	add 30%	

Step 3 Adjustment to Minimum Salary

\$

Step 4 Calculate adjustment for length of service (below)

Total number of years of accumulated service

Calculation for Length of Service

Number of Years of	% of Minimum	Our
Accumulated Service	Salary to be	Percentage
(Total of previous / current years)	added:	is:
1 to 2 years	add 2.5%	
3 to 4 years	add 5%	
5 to 7 years	add 7.5%	
8 to 10 years	add 10%	
11 to 14 years	add 12.5%	
15 to 19 years	add 15%	
20 to 24 years	add 17.5%	
25+ years	add 20%	

*Additional compensation should be considered in a multi-staff Church.

Step 5:	Adjustment to Minimum Salary	\$
Step 6:	Total Adjusted Minimum Salary: ADD Steps 1+3+5	\$
Step 7:	% Increase for Merit	\$
Step 8:	Pension Contribution	\$
Step 9:	Recommended Salary*: ADD Steps 6+7+8	\$

Cost of Benefits and Ministry Expenses

*The current IRS allowable reimbursement rate for 2023 is 65.5¢/mile.

Medical Insurance	
Professional Development	
Hospitality Allowance	
Book Allowance	
*Car Allowance @ 65.5¢/mile	
Other	
Other	
Other	
Other	

Benefits and Expenses Sub-Total	\$
Step 10: Total Salary plus Benefits and Expenses	\$