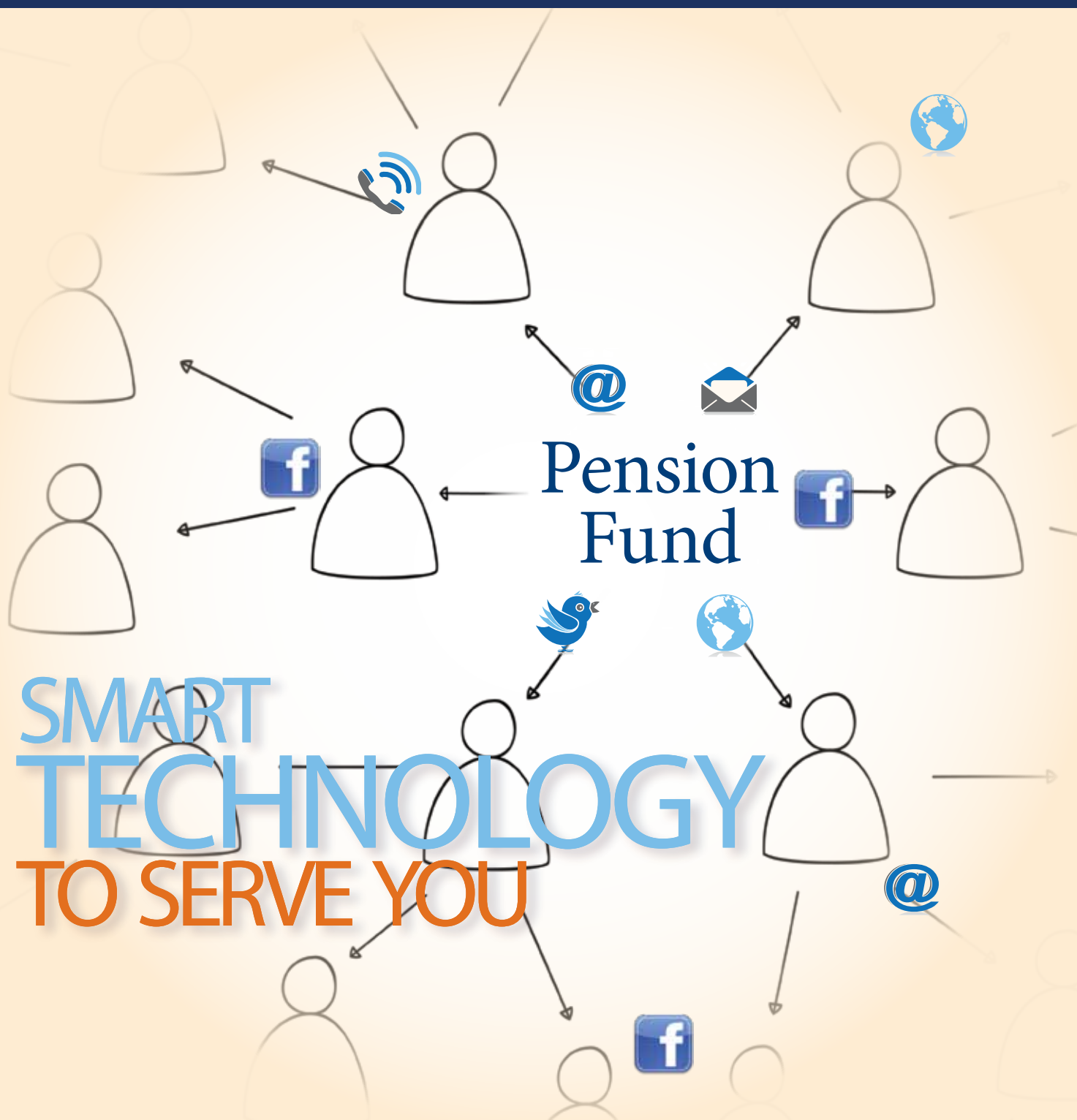


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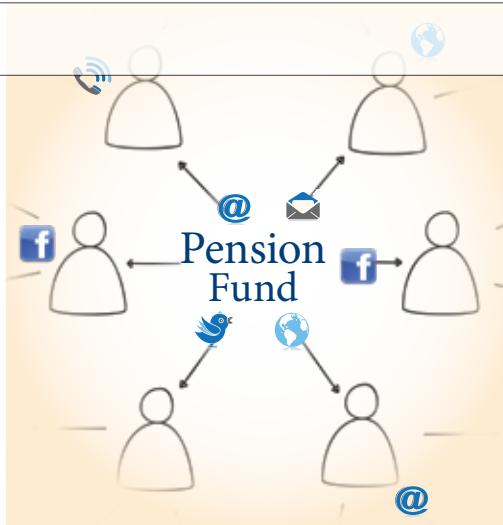
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Technology:
*From data storage to
the web, Pension Fund
is using technology to
better communicate with
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JAMES P. HAMLETT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Change is on the horizon

In April 2012, the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ratified a revised Pension Plan Document that had previously been approved by the Pension Fund Board of Directors in November 2011. The revised Plan Document outlines a variety of enhanced benefits, **which become effective prospectively on July 1, 2012.**

Following is a description of the changes and how they will be implemented:

Children's benefits – This benefit is provided to the surviving children (under the age of 21) of members who pass away while in active service to the Church. If the death of a member occurs on or after July 1, 2012, the benefit level is \$500 per month. If the death occurs prior to July 1, 2012, the benefit level will remain at \$300 per month.

Education benefits – This benefit provides post-secondary education assistance for surviving children of a member who dies while in active service to the Church. The benefit is \$5,000 per year for up to four years if the death occurs on or after July 1, 2012. If the death occurs prior to July 1, 2012, the benefit level will remain at \$3,000 per year.

Spousal benefits – If the member's death occurs on or after July 1, 2012, the surviving spouse pensions will be provided to beneficiaries of members who are legally married or legally united according to the state in which the marriage or union was performed. If the death occurs prior to July 1, 2012, then the current Plan Document applies.

Key Takeaways:

- Revised Pension Plan Document provides for many benefit changes.
- All benefit enhancements are fully funded from Pension Fund reserves.
- Updated Member Resource Booklets are being mailed/can be found on website.

Effective July 1, 2012, the minimum benefit for a surviving spouse will be \$400 per month. If the death occurs before July 1, 2012, the benefit level will remain at \$300 per month.

Surviving spouse beneficiaries will no longer have benefits terminate if they remarry. This change is applicable for persons who remarry on or after July 1, 2012.

Pensioner benefits – Effective July 1, 2012, the death benefit for eligible retirees will be the lower of three times the annual pension or \$10,000. If the death occurs before July 1, 2012, the retiree death benefit will be the lower of the annual pension or \$5,000.

Also effective July 1, 2012, Pension Plan members who actively serve and contribute pension dues beyond age 65 will see an increase in their pension upon retirement, of .5% per month for each month served beyond age 65 up to age 70. This change applies to persons who retire after July 1, 2012, prospectively.

For example, if an active participant retires on his or her 66th birthday on August 1, 2012, the person would be eligible for an increase of .5% since the benefit enhancement was not effective prior to July 1, 2012. On the other hand, if the person retires on October 1, 2012 at age 65 and two months, the retiree would be eligible for their full pension plus a 1% increase (.5% times two months). If a member is already retired and receiving benefits, he or she is ineligible for the enhancement provisions even if the person subsequently returns to work and resumes

paying pension dues. Likewise, the enhancement provisions do not apply for persons who retire from inactive status or who are receiving disability benefits.

As reported previously, all of these benefit enhancements are fully funded from Pension Fund reserves. No increase in pension dues will be required. In addition, these changes will not impact the possibility or likelihood of future Special Apportionments.

Updated Member Resource Booklets are being sent to every Pension Plan member so that he or she will have a complete description of the Plan and benefits. Pension Fund will also post the booklet to our website, www.pensionfund.org. Let us know if you have questions.

The staff and Directors spent more than two years evaluating the changes that have been enacted. We believe these changes positively impact our ability to serve – with greater equity and compassion – all who are brought to us for care and support. The changes are possible because of the financial strength underlying Pension Fund. We believe they are consistent with Pension Fund's role as the Church's "innkeeper." We continue to identify new ways to serve you effectively in support of the ministry. It's just one part of being *Strong. Smart. Secure.* 🍷

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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



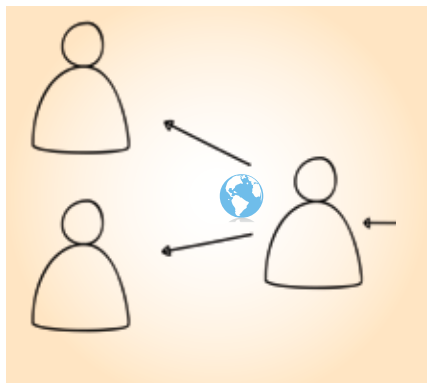
IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND SERVING OUR MEMBERS BETTER WITH TECHNOLOGY

Technology has come into high focus at Pension Fund, and our movement forward is in full speed to bring our members and employers leading technology solutions that will continue to evolve and mature as we do. What this means is that Pension Fund will continue to be dedicated to the security and accuracy of member data while bringing new and exciting tools and information to the fingertips of our members.

Cloud computing is the latest and greatest catch phrase in the IT world, though it's becoming more of a household word. The problem is that everyone seems to have a different definition of what "cloud" means. To the staff at Pension Fund, it means we are partnering with top vendors in each of their respective industries (see the *BelieveIT!* article, Winter 2011 issue of *The Bridge*) to provide a best-of-breed system that not only offers our members leading-edge

features but also secures their information according to the highest-quality industry standards.

Removing ourselves from the jargon, being "in the cloud" means Pension Fund does not and will not have large investments in its own technology infrastructure. It means that those who know technology best – our partners – will be held to the highest standards to protect our members' sensitive data. It means we can adapt quickly to our members needs and industry standards.



Most importantly, it means we are thinking about the important questions that lie ahead, like:

- What effects will the iPad and other tablet devices have on our business?
- What is the next step in mobile computing?
- Where will the next security threat come from, and how will we proactively protect ourselves and our members from it?
- How can we connect with our members in an evolving technological world and make that connection meaningful for everyone?

In upcoming issues of *The Bridge*, watch for more updates on *BelieveIT!* and where Pension Fund is headed. ☉

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Key Takeaways:

- Pension Fund introduces new website in July 2012!
- Organization moves its technology "into the cloud" and explores other technology needs.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

PENSION FUND LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

After months of planning and preparation, Pension Fund will launch a new website in July 2012!

As we developed the new site, we kept your needs, as our members, front and center and incorporated best practices in website design. As you view the new site, you will see many enhancements:

- Features and benefits of all of our products and services, including the Roth IRA launched in April.
- Comprehensive policy application paperwork; in the

near future, you will be able to submit this information electronically as well as printouts/hard copy.

- More robust resources to aid you in your retirement planning.
- Key information that is better highlighted on the homepage, so you won't miss a beat with Pension Fund news.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts regarding the new site! ☺

Easy-to-locate topics

Overview, benefits, eligibility and application information for each program.



13 BEFORE 13

At every Assembly, Pension Fund gathers the 13th Check offering that is used to assist retired servants of the Church. Many of these brothers and sisters are living on very limited resources, and in many cases, smaller congregations or new churches have not been able to invest for the retirement years of their pastors. Others served for modest salaries and their pensions are very small.

For these servants of the Church, pensions are inadequate to provide for a reasonable standard of living. Because of your gracious gifts, many of these individuals have been blessed with a 13th Check, which Pension Fund provides every year to those pensioners who receive the smallest compensation.

During the past few years, not only have we made appeals during the Assembly, but we have given you the opportunity to share your gifts 13 Before 13 (or 13 months before Assembly). Because of your response, we have been able to give larger 13th checks to more people! When you receive the appeal letter for 13 Before 13, please consider and pray on how you will respond.



Together, we strengthen the whole body. Without the 13th Check, many would not have the extra blessing that helps them pay the next bill or buy the medicine they need. Let us share our gifts not only in word but in deed. When you give, you will be giving the gift of God's love to someone, blessing many lives. Thanks in advance for your gift of love and kindness. May your life continue to be a blessing for those you encounter along the journey! ☉

Shalom,

Rev. Ruth Chavez Wallace
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Key Takeaways:

- Annual appeal coming soon; pray on how you will respond.
- 13th Check blessed nearly 200 people in 2011!

TREASURER'S CORNER

Pension Fund net assets available for benefits as of March 31, 2012 were \$2,608,849,518. This represents an increase of 6% since year-end 2011 and a 1.3% increase over March 31, 2011. Our funding level of the Pension Plan is now at 123.9%, up from 116% at year-end 2011. This growth comes from a very strong investment market in the first quarter. We have now had two consecutive quarters of good fund performance.

Primary factors in this recent market performance include generally good news for the European bond market and increasing confidence in the U.S. markets as a result of continued strong corporate earnings and increasing dividend payouts. Unemployment has seen some progress but remains a concern for the long term. Focus in the global markets will be more on Chinese and European manufacturing results. On the domestic front, expect scrutiny on the U.S. housing markets. One area of debate is the prediction on GDP through the remainder of the year. Another area

of concern is the cost of energy, specifically oil prices. Although gas prices have slid back recently, the recent increases in gas prices accentuated the impact that price volatility can have in the markets overall.

With the recent disclosure by JP Morgan Chase of an estimated \$2 billion loss on credit derivatives, it is natural for our members to ask if Pension Fund has similar risks embedded in the portfolio. The short answer is no. It is not clear at this time exactly how JP Morgan Chase uses derivatives. At Pension Fund, only

a few managers are allowed to make use of this type of instrument and only where it allows us to manage risk position in an efficient manner. Strict guidelines are in place, and staff monitors the compliance to those terms.

Thank you for your continued interest in Pension Fund programs relative to overall economic markets. If you have any questions, feel free to send them to me at dgdraper@pensionfund.org.



Key Takeaways:

- Funding level of the Pension Plan is up 7.9% over year-end 2011.
- Unemployment and cost of energy remain concerns.

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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

KNOWING THAT WE CARE, MORE

You may have noticed that Pension Fund has been more visible on Facebook and in the blogosphere these last few months. To support the ministry, we are extending our presence to the social media realm.

Social media is a world of unregulated information that can include inflammatory statements and the ever dreaded “trolls” – people who only instigate negative reactions. So why would Pension Fund even consider entering such a world? We can think of three reasons: to share information, to give you the chance to be heard, and to dialogue with one another.

Pension Fund is continually improving to better serve our members. This means that we periodically update benefits. We also design new programs, such as the Roth IRA, to better serve our members. Sometimes we need to remind the Church as well as our members about existing programs like the Reserve Military Chaplain Dues Program, which helps ministers who are reserve military chaplains to maintain active Pension Plan status when they are called to active duty. You deserve

to know about all the programs we provide to you, the member. Facebook helps us disperse information quickly and concisely.

Secondly, social media is a generous venue for your voice to be heard. When we post content to social media, you have the opportunity to share your thoughts. You have the opportunity to “like” us or not. You have the opportunity to bring ideas, concerns and/or improvements. It’s your opportunity to speak and be heard, no matter who you are. You deserve to be heard.



Finally, social media allows us to have a public conversation. Your conversations are crucial in helping us develop top-tier services. The Church faces challenges that don’t always have a definitive solution. These challenges are worthy of our attention, together, as we seek to be the best we can.

Consider “liking” us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/PensionFundChristianChurch) and subscribing to the Pension Fund blog (<http://pensionfundblog.wordpress.com>) so that you can listen and provide feedback to us. ☺

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Circuit Court reverses Tax Court’s decision on housing allowance

Several months ago, word began circulating about a Tax Court decision that allowed an ordained minister to claim housing allowance on his vacation home as well as his principal residence. Some ministers have inquired about whether it is now permissible to claim housing on two homes.

In the case mentioned above, the Tax Commissioner appealed the Tax Court ruling to the Circuit Court. The Circuit Court reviewed the Tax Court’s decision “de novo,” which means that the Circuit Court did not limit its review to only the questions that were raised in the Tax Court. The Circuit Court judges reviewed it as if it were a fresh case.

In February 2012, the Circuit Court determined that the Tax Court erred in its decision and determined that the intent of IRC Section 107 was for parsonage allowance on one home. The Circuit Court reversed the Tax Court’s decision and remanded (sent the case back to the Tax Court) for proceedings consistent with [its] opinion. Based on this reversal, ministers may have a parsonage/housing allowance designated by their ministry employers for their principal residence only. ☺

HEALTH & WELLNESS

CATARACTS: COMMON CONDITION, QUICK CORRECTION

Forty may be the new 30, but your eyes may not have received the memo yet. The fact is, we might feel younger than our years, but some body parts still wear out, right on schedule.

The lens of the eye is one of those parts. We're living longer, but our eyes aren't keeping up. Surgery to remove cataracts, which routinely form in older eyes, is the most common surgery in the United States.

And, according to cataract specialist Alice Sterling, OD, it's the safest and most effective surgery too. She gives the low-down on the condition:

"The lens works like a magnifying glass inside your eye," she says. "As the magnifier ages and changes, you can start to develop yellowish or opaque spots on it that will cause your eyesight to deteriorate significantly, with cloudiness and blurring the most common result."

Cataracts are pretty much unavoidable. About half of adults between 65 and 75 develop them, and after 75, that number goes way up.

But don't let your eyes make you feel old. Cataracts can grow for several years without any signs, and glasses can often postpone surgery. Once surgery is needed, no need to worry. The procedure is outpatient, painless and comes with a quick recovery – with normal activities resuming in just a few days. The surgeon just replaces the clouded lens with a fresh, clear implant – it typically takes less than a half hour.

It's a cliché to say "sight is precious"—but that's exactly how we feel. Sight can also be the sense on which your very livelihood hinges. That was the case for one of Dr. Sterling's patients, a woman who draws for a living.

From Clouded Colors to Clarity

Imagine drawing for a living and, after years of clear vision and a successful career, suddenly the world looks different. It would be devastating. That's what happened to 72-year-old Dell Healy. The freelance illustrator began noticing she was unable to see the nuances of

different shades of color. A trip to her optometrist, Dr. Sterling, confirmed her cataracts had gotten bad enough to warrant surgery.

Her doctor reassured her about the relative simplicity and safety of the procedure.

A few days later, surgeon Dr. Harry Pappas gave Dell her colors back.

"I was wide awake the whole time and felt no pain," Dell remembers.

"After a few minutes, I asked Dr. Pappas, 'When are you going to start the operation?' He laughed and then he told me, 'You're all done—it's over.' I was back home in less than two hours."

Within a few hours, Dell's vision had improved dramatically.

"I'm reading books and newspapers again, and I can watch television without wearing my glasses," she says. "But the best part of all is that I can see colors again." 🍷



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REPORT *of* BENEFITS

RETIREMENT PENSIONS BEGAN

Josue Alvarez Sierra
Empalme
Sonora, MX
January 1, 2012

James S. Annelin
The Woodlands, TX
February 1, 2012

Michael N. Armstrong
Davenport, IA
January 1, 2012

Wayne W. Ashlock
Cleburne, TX
January 1, 2012

Dwight E. Bailey
Forest Park, IL
February 1, 2012

Jerry L. Book
Bolivar, MO
February 1, 2012

Linda S. Bozworth
Nevada, MO
February 1, 2012

Terry Bradshaw
Jacksonville, IL
January 1, 2012

Judy Brock
Burkburnett, TX
February 1, 2012

Hope C. Brown
Story City, IA
February 1, 2012

Leslie C. Brown
Norman, OK
March 1, 2012

Helen A. Burgess
Marshfield, MA
February 1, 2012

Carlos F. Castaneda
Zephyrhills, FL
March 1, 2012

Walter H. Chapman
El Paso, TX
January 1, 2012

Elizabeth C. Clewett
Eugene, OR
March 1, 2012

Betty A. Coleman
Indianapolis, IN
March 1, 2012

Donna S. Compton
Oklahoma City, OK
February 1, 2012

Christine M. Cullum
Blackwell, OK
March 1, 2012

Jack L. Daniel
El Dorado Spring,
MO
January 1, 2012

William R. Daniels
Mill Valley, CA
March 1, 2012

Daniel J. Davis Sr
Lincoln, NE
January 1, 2012

Joseph D. Driskill
El Cerrito, CA
January 1, 2012

Mary Lou Dungan
Montgomery
Village, MD
March 1, 2012

Kay C. Ellis
Dallas, TX
March 1, 2012

Terry M. Ewing
Arlington, TX
February 1, 2012

Thomas C. Gibson
Gainesville, FL
January 1, 2012

W. Clark Gilpin
Stevensville, MI
January 1, 2012

David C. Greenfield
Garner, NC
February 1, 2012

Stephen V. Haley
Honolulu, HI
February 1, 2012

Charles W. L Hall
Hattiesburg, MS
January 1, 2012

David C. Haman
Des Moines, IA
January 1, 2012

C. Mac Hamon
Indianapolis, IN
January 1, 2012

Gerald P. Handley II
Arlington, TX
January 1, 2012

Sandra L. Harris
Broken Bow, OK
January 1, 2012

Elizabeth C.
Hendon
Washington, DC
March 1, 2012

Donald R. Jeanes
Jonesborough, TN
February 1, 2012

Beverly M. Jenkins
Centerville, OH
March 1, 2012

Virgil R. Jerrell
Jacksonville, FL
January 1, 2012

Herbert L. Knudsen
Normal, IL
January 1, 2012

Jack Koehler
Canton, IL
February 1, 2012

Carmen J.
Landron-Bruno
Vega Alta, PR
February 1, 2012

James H. Looney
Abita Springs, LA
March 1, 2012

Arthur B. Mace Jr
Pittsburgh, PA
January 1, 2012

Dann P. Masden
Danville, KY
February 1, 2012

Linda S. Mayberry
Payette, ID
February 1, 2012

R. T. McCarter
Rocky Mount, NC
January 1, 2012

Mary A. McCoy
Hiram, GA
February 1, 2012

Kenneth A.
McCullough
Lexington, KY
February 1, 2012

Walter R. Miles
Macon, GA
January 1, 2012

William D. Miller
Carlsbad, NM
February 1, 2012

Thomas G. Minges
Kansas City, MO
January 1, 2012

David R. Moffitt
Port Angeles, WA
February 1, 2012

Steven A. Monhollen
Lexington, KY
February 1, 2012

Mark B. Newman
Claremore, OK
January 1, 2012

Muna Nieves-Cruz
Bayamon, PR
February 1, 2012

Victor M. Parachin
Tulsa, OK
January 1, 2012

Robert L. Pickerell
Ankeny, IA
January 1, 2012

Larry R. Plemons
Missoula, MT
February 1, 2012

Sharon R. Price
Cleveland, OH
March 1, 2012

Don Rackham
San Mateo, CA
March 1, 2012

Carol E. Rawlings
Tacoma, WA
February 1, 2012

Carol S. Rawls
Lexington, KY
January 1, 2012

Norman Reed
Nashville, TN
February 1, 2012

Martha Jo Roper
Glendale, AZ
February 1, 2012

Eileen M. Schulte
St Charles, MO
March 1, 2012

Linda D. Scott
St. Simons Island, GA
January 1, 2012

Edwin G. Shriver
Carrollton, OH
March 1, 2012

Thomas W. Simmons
Sarasota, FL
March 1, 2012

W. Michael Smith
Asheville, NC
January 1, 2012

Douglas W. Smith
Pomona, CA
February 1, 2012

Eugene R.
Spillman Jr.
Woodward, OK
March 1, 2012

Danny L. Stewart
Lohman, MO
January 1, 2012

Aline F. Summerlin
Signal Mountain, TN
January 1, 2012

Douglas L.
Theobald Sr.
Johnson City, TN
March 1, 2012

Carol Polizzi
Vaccariello
Medina, OH
February 1, 2012

Nettie J. Williams
Norman, OK
January 1, 2012

Kris Wilson
Washington, IL
January 1, 2012

Diane J. Wilson
Roseville, CA
February 1, 2012

John P. Winkler Jr.
Branson, MO
February 1, 2012

William B. Worcester
Topeka, KS
January 1, 2012

Charles L. Wyatt
Franklin, NC
February 1, 2012

Report of Benefits *continued*

John P. Winkler Jr.
Branson, MO
February 1, 2012

William B. Worcester
Topeka, KS
January 1, 2012

Charles L. Wyatt
Franklin, NC
February 1, 2012

SPOUSE PENSIONS BEGAN

Linda Cheverton
Madison Heights, VA
February 1, 2012

Susan M. Clark
Waterloo, IA
March 9, 2012

Janette K. Felts
Cedar Rapids, IA
February 1, 2012

Lily G. Foster
Tucson, AZ
March 1, 2012

Kathleen Fraleigh
Cutchogue, NY
February 1, 2012

Naomi J. Gran
McPherson, KS
February 1, 2012

Henry E. Hill
Darlington, MD
January 1, 2012

Wilma Jensen
West Harrison, IN
January 1, 2012

Carolyn S. McCracken
Greenfield, IN
February 1, 2012

Mary L. Pearson
Iowa City, IA
February 1, 2012

Joan Prophet
Indianapolis, IN
March 1, 2012

Eileen Sickels
Alvarado, TX
January 1, 2012

Carol A. Stadden
Cadillac, MI
January 8, 2012

Virginia Miller Taylor
Glen Allen, VA
February 1, 2012

Cynthia Overman
Williams
Stokesdale, NC
January 1, 2012

June Williams
Fort Wayne, IN
January 1, 2012

CHILD PENSIONS BEGAN

Alyssa K. Stadden
Cadillac, MI

Bethany J. Stadden
Lansing, MI

DEATHS IN ACTIVE SERVICE

Billye P. Bridges
Madison, MS
February 17, 2012

Toby J. Stadden
Lewiston, MI
January 8, 2012

DEATHS IN RETIREMENT

Richard T. Anderson
Enid, OK
December 23, 2011

Doris L. Bokovoy
Fort Benton, MT
November 24, 2011

William E. Brown
Raymore, MO
March 23, 2012

Martha J. Brunsm
Indianapolis, IN
February 18, 2012

P. Byron Carlisle
Avondale Estates, GA
March 17, 2012

Aileen B. Case
Calgary, AB Canada
January 28, 2012

David P. Cheverton
Madison Heights,
VA
January 22, 2012

Francis M. Collins
Elm City, NC
March 9, 2012

Joel Edmonds
Fredericksbrg, TX
January 13, 2012

Thomas L. Felts
Cedar Rapids, IA
January 18, 2012

George W. Foster
Middletown, VA
December 19, 2011

Oliver T. Foster
Tucson, AZ
February 1, 2012

Julia J. Frank
Saint Louis, MO
January 30, 2012

Dorothy F. Frazier
Eden Prairie, MN
March 23, 2012

James O. Griffin
Dallas, TX
March 12, 2012

William F. Guthrie
Mc Kinney, TX
March 7, 2012

B J. Hollomon
Hattiesburg, MS
February 18, 2012

William C.
Howland Jr.
Austin, TX
March 6, 2012

Jerold J. Jensen
West Harrison, IN
December 10, 2011

Brenda Jones
Memphis, TN
February 27, 2012

Alfred J. Kalen
Jefferson City, MO
February 27, 2012

Erna J. Knowles
Denton, TX
January 7, 2012

Mary Ellen Larue
Des Moines, IA
February 1, 2012

Thomas J. Liggett
Claremont, CA
March 27, 2012

Allen G. Manuel
Pekin, IN
March 17, 2012

David J. McCracken
Greenfield, IN
January 3, 2012

Malcolm D. McLean
Georgetown, TX
January 19, 2012

John S. Michael
Lee's Summit, MO
February 2, 2012

Michael R. Moore
Bowling Green, KY
January 7, 2012

Robert H. Mulkey
Salem, OR
March 30, 2012

Maida Mullins
Kearney, NE
February 20, 2012

Verla O. Newman
Auburn, NY
December 29, 2011

Hazel S. Parker
Vanceboro, NC
January 20, 2012

Lester W. Pearson
Iowa City, IA
January 23, 2012

John E. Piper
Covina, CA
February 22, 2012

James H. Potts
Cutchogue, NY
January 23, 2012

Dorothy Price
Hurst, TX
January 18, 2012

Merton E. Prophet
Indianapolis, IN
February 5, 2012

Virginia R. Rank
Saint Louis, MO
March 10, 2012

Jack Vernon Reeve
Carmel, IN
February 25, 2012

Mary Jane Roberts
Williamsport, IN
March 11, 2012

Ora M. Shelton
Fort Worth, TX
January 7, 2012

Lois E. Swander
Canyon Lake, TX
February 26, 2012

Estella Hann Syron
Nezperce, ID
February 21, 2012

Richard L. Taylor
Glen Allen, VA
January 24, 2012

Marjorie Westerfield
Danville, KY
January 23, 2012

Charles H. Willey
Ft. Myers, FL
March 17, 2012

Shirley J. Winborne
Pampa, TX
January 28, 2012

Nela June Yohe
Atlanta, GA
January 30, 2012

OTHER DEATHS

Patricia F. Bunch
Smiths Station, AL
January 28, 2012

Keith E. Clark
Waterloo, IA
March 9, 2012

John A. Gran
McPherson, KS
January 3, 2012

Edna Jackson
Columbia, MO
March 28, 2012

Vera P. Laven
La Verne, CA
January 30, 2012

Hazel Lunsford
Indianapolis, IN
January 12, 2012

Charlotte F. Mann
Pikeville, KY
March 14, 2012

Larry R. Shane
Marion, IN
January 14, 2012

Harry H. Smith
Greenfield, IN
March 8, 2012

Sara H. Stout
Franklin, IN
January 30, 2012

Karen L. Stroup
Jonesborough, TN
January 21, 2012



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