

## THE COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

The Committee on Pastoral Care and Counseling has a primary responsibility in addressing personal and family needs of clergy both ordained, and their families. We assist in providing a fee supplement for counseling by one of our approved counselors for a minimum of ten sessions. A list of approved counselors may be requested from the Office of Connectional Ministries.

The following persons are eligible to receive supplementary funds for counseling:

- A. Clergy/Diaconal Ministers who are related to the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as follows:
  1. Full Connection
  2. Provisional member
  3. Associate Member
  4. Local Pastors (Full-time and Part-Time)
  5. Student Local Pastors
  6. Certified Candidates for Ordained Ministry
  7. Retired
  8. All Diaconal Ministers
  9. Diaconal Ministerial Certified Candidates
- B. Family Members of Clergy/Diaconal Ministers listed in "A" above in the following categories:
  1. Spouses
  2. Surviving spouses who have not remarried
  3. Children never married and under the age of 23
  4. Children who for mental or physical reasons are legal dependants of the clergy/diaconal minister family
  5. Divorced spouses for a period of six months from date of divorce
  6. Premarital counseling of engaged clergy/diaconal ministers and their dependent children in the case of re-marriage.
  7. Step-children never married and under the age of 23.

There continues to be a decline in our spending since reviewing our budget requests. We have tried to be faithful in watching the cost of our program spending.

It has certainly been an honor to serve the members of the annual conference. A special thanks to Mrs. Gail Corn for her assistance. Special thanks to the annual conference for your support and the members of the committee.

*Cassandra Pasley Jackson, Chairperson*