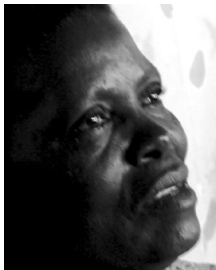




Faithful Servants of Our Church Need Your Help

The stories are numerous, and the theme is always the same—years of sacrifice, devotion and dedication to the United Methodist Church, followed by years of hardship during retirement. Approximately 2,000 retired pastors, lay workers and surviving spouses in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe are struggling to survive—growing their own food, relying on their children and even creating products to sell.

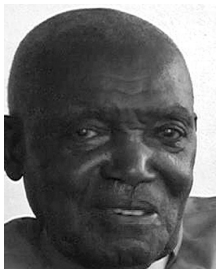
Consider the Following Stories



The Reverend Amina Isaias

Retiree, Mozambique, Africa

For the Reverend Amina Isaias, the ministry has been a family affair. Her husband (now deceased) served as a pastor for 17 years, and she served for 23 years before retiring. In retirement, Rev. Isaias struggles even to pay for clean water.



The Reverend Daniel Islam

Retiree, Liberia, Africa

Rev. Islam served rural parishes for most of his 31 years in ministry. He often went unpaid and occasionally received his salary in rice or other food, leaving him unable to save for retirement.

In areas where living conditions are already difficult, these faithful workers for Christ face economic insecurity when their careers in ministry end—they will have little or no retirement income. The Central Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI) was created to address this problem.



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Caring For Those Who Serve

CCPI's Focus is Two-fold:

- First, we must provide immediate, short-term funding to help those who are already retired, as well as the surviving spouses of clergy who have served so faithfully.
- Second, we must work with the central conferences to define, establish and fund workable, sustainable pension systems that can serve all of their clergy for many years to come.

Support and Generosity

Please consider a sacrificial gift that will support retirees and surviving spouses in countries around the world.

How to Give

Your pledge will enable the CCPI to respond to the pressing needs of retired clergy and surviving spouses.

Give online

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By offering

Send contributions through your local church and annual conference by placing your pledge in the offering plate on Sunday.

By check

Make a check payable to CCPI and mail it to the address below.

By credit card

Visit the Web site or call **1-847-866-4230**.

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