

Transfer of Responsibility RETIREMENT POLICIES

- 1. Retirement** For reason of age, illness, or possible declining efficiency, persons who are ordained should retire or be retired from active responsibility in their offices.

- 2. Definition** Retirement is the easing or eventual full relief from the ordinary responsibility of an ordained person.

Retirement is not intended to change the status of ordination, nor to close opportunities for a continuing ministry suitable to their abilities. Conference and congregations should utilize in some form of Christian service the gifts, experience and God-given talents of faithful ordained workers who have reached the age of retirement.

- 3. Age**
 - at 65 years** Should begin to make arrangements for assistance and transfer of responsibility using the regular channels and methods currently used in choosing bishops, ministers, and deacons.

 - at 70 years** Should retire from official responsibility and turn responsibility over to a successor, unless conference, supervising bishop, or congregation ask them to continue in these responsibilities for a stated length of time.

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