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CHURCH PENSION GROUP RELEASES ITS REPORT TO THE 81ST GENERAL CONVENTION

*Highlights 15 Years of Working with the General Convention
of The Episcopal Church To Understand Parity Issues*

NEW YORK, NY—June 20, 2024—[The Church Pension Group](#) (CPG), a financial services organization that serves The Episcopal Church, announced the release of its Report to the 81st General Convention (cpg.org/R2GC). The report focuses on two critical points of connection between CPG and the General Convention: the election of trustees to The Church Pension Fund Board and the longstanding collaboration between the General Convention and CPG on the topic of benefits parity between clergy and lay employees.

The report is dedicated to the late Very Rev. George Werner, who served as vice president of the House of Deputies (HoD) (1994 to 2000), the 31st president of the HoD (2000 to 2006), a former trustee of The Church Pension Fund (1976 to 1988 and 2006 to 2015), and Dean Emeritus of Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh. It features a video of him as he reflects on a life of service to the Church, as well as videos highlighting the Denominational Health Plan (DHP) and the Lay Employee Pension System (LPS).

“We are pleased to release our Report to the 81st General Convention, which highlights how the Denominational Health Plan and the Lay Employee Pension System have helped to advance parity between lay employees and clergy of the Church,” said [Mary Kate Wold](#), CEO and President of CPG. “It’s impossible for CPG to achieve full parity in benefits on its own because many of the gaps in parity are the result of decisions that fall outside of CPG’s purview. Still, CPG is doing what it can to provide access to competitive products and services while also describing what it would take from the Church to achieve full parity in pension benefits.”

The Report provides important background information on important connections with the General Convention. The Rev. Clayton Crawley, Chief Church Relations Officer

at CPG, said, “We hope those attending General Convention will read our report and know how committed we are to fulfilling our purpose, which is to support the clergy and lay employees of The Episcopal Church in their calling to spread the gospel.”

Additional information is available at CPG’s General Convention resource center, cpg.org/GC81.

About the Church Pension Group

The Church Pension Group (CPG) is a financial services organization that serves The Episcopal Church. It maintains three lines of business—benefits, property and casualty insurance, and publishing. CPG provides retirement, health, life insurance, and related benefits for clergy and lay employees of The Episcopal Church, as well as property and casualty insurance and book and music publishing, including the official worship materials of the Church. Follow CPG on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly Twitter), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#). cpg.org

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