



**NOTES:**

1. **Stipend Categories:**

- Category I – ordained ministers, lay directors of institutions
- Category II – diaconal ministers, lay missionaries with special training
- Category III – lay missionaries

The 2008 General Assembly defined COLA to be CPI (consumer price index) as per Statistics Canada average of the year on year increases from June to May.

2. **Basic Travel:** The basic travel allowance is included in the minimum basic stipend figure.

The individual worker has a choice of either:

1. including on his/her annual tax return as part of income all revenue received in respect to travel and then claiming as a deduction all business travel related expenses,
- or
2. being reimbursed at a per kilometre rate as per Revenue Canada's 4 point provision as supplied to congregational treasurers for church workers. Basic stipend can be adjusted downward by the mutually agreed upon cost of the option.

3. **Multiple Point Charges:** A travel allowance is provided equal to the average number of kilometres travelled on a Sunday for church services within the charge, multiplied by \$41.00, to a maximum of \$4,920 (non-taxable).

4. **Years of Service Increments:** The first year of service increment is payable on the first of the month following the completion of the first 12 months of service, counting from the date of the service of induction/recognition. Subsequent incremental increases become effective on the first of the month following the completion of further 12 month periods of service.

5. **Appropriate Accommodation:** All persons remunerated under one of the minimum stipend categories for church workers, regardless of their marital status, are to receive 100 percent of the fair rental value of appropriate accommodation. (see A&P 1992, p. 222)

6. **Health & Dental Insurance:** Coverage under the Health & Dental Insurance plan will apply to the above three categories of professional church workers. (See also A&P 1986, p. 212, Item No. 6; and A&P 1988, Rec. No. 37, p. 227) As of July 1, 1998, we allow participation of non-clergy full-time and part-time staff with 20 hours or more, conditional upon participation of all such employees in a congregation and the congregation providing the required premiums. (see A&P 1998, Rec. No. 24, p. 219)

7. **Student on Annual Appointment:** Students on annual appointment do not receive increments, are expected to work full-time when their college is not in session (apart from one month's annual vacation) and must not enroll in summer programs; therefore the annual remuneration rate for such students in respect to their congregational responsibilities is 74 percent of the basic rate set annually by the General Assembly in respect to an ordained minister. (see A&P 1989, p. 212–213)

8. **Maximum Qualifying Income:** is defined as the sum of the actual stipend and 60% (percent) of stipend (in respect of allowances) to the annual maximum.