



## A Ministry of Visitation Honoring Those Who Have Faithfully Served in the United Church of Christ

The Annuitant Visitor Program (AVP) seeks to provide an annual visit to over 6,000 retired clergy, missionaries, and their spouses/partners in the United Church of Christ. Through these visits, Annuitant Visitors serve as ambassadors for Pension Boards' benefits, they communicate appreciation for a lifetime of dedicated service, and offer collegial support.

Annuitant Visitors, on behalf of the whole church, embody the message to our retirees that:

- "Your Church has not forgotten you."
- "Your ministry is valued."
- "Your Church cares about you."



The original intent of the AVP was to identify persons who were experiencing financial need and to provide assistance. However, Annuitant Visitors soon discovered they were providing assistance with questions regarding pensions, health and dental plans, death benefits, housing allowance, etc.

Today, all 38 Conferences have Annuitant Visitors.



Annuitant Visitors are usually retired United Church of Christ clergy. They are assigned to call on a list of designated retired ministers, missionaries, lay employees, and their spouses/partners in a specific region. They have three basic purposes—

- serve as ambassadors for the Pension Boards' pension, health, and ministerial assistance grants, either answering the questions of the person(s) being visited or connecting them with the resources to find the information they need
- express appreciation for faithful—and often sacrificial—service on behalf of the whole United Church of Christ
- offer collegial support



Gifts to the endowment supporting this ministry can be provided in the form of wills, life income gifts, or outright gifts of appreciated assets. Gifts memorializing or honoring an individual's ministry would be most appropriate.