

BENEVOLENT FUND POLICY

As excerpted from the Texas District UPC manual

Section 2. Benevolent Fund.

- a. In order to show our love and deep appreciation to each other as ministers of the gospel in the time of bereavement because of death of one of our ministers or their companion, we the ministers of the Texas District of the U.P.C. do hereby adopt a plan which shall be known as the MINISTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT. This is in order to show our love and concern and is not to be construed as insurance.
- b. Any minister who is a member of the Texas District of the United Pentecostal Church or the South Texas District of the United Pentecostal Church may become a member of the Benevolent Fund. A member Minister may also enroll his or her spouse in the Benevolent Fund. Upon the death of the minister, his or her spouse who is also a member, may remain so long as they remain unmarried and remain a member of the United Pentecostal Church.
- c. Each minister must deposit \$15 for his or her affiliation and \$15 for their companion if they both desire to be affiliated.
- d. The Benevolent Fund will be open to all ministers for 30 days after they receive their license or transfer to either district, and for 30 days after their respective annual district conference. There shall also be an annual promotion within the Texas District for new members of the Benevolent Fund throughout the period of the Fall Sectional Conferences. A letter shall be sent by the Texas District Secretary-Treasurer prior to the first Sectional conference to all ministers of the Texas District. The period of promotion in the Fall Conferences will be a period of enrollment extending 10 days from the date of the last Fall Conference. The privilege of an annual promotion for new members shall be extended to the South Texas District also. This period of enrollment shall be throughout the period of the South Texas District's Fall Sectional Conferences extending 10 days from the date of the last Fall Conference.
- e. If a member is terminated because of non-payment and wishes to be reinstated, he must pay for all deaths from the time of termination to reinstatement, not to exceed \$120.00. Such reinstatement must be prior to the death of the member.
- f. Upon notification of the death of a member or of his or her companion, who is a member, the District Secretary-Treasurer shall mail a notice within 20 days to all members of the Fund. Members will have 30 days to send in their donation.
- g. The District Secretary-Treasurer, upon receiving notice of a death of a member of the Fund shall be authorized to pay the beneficiary the total amount of the receipts derived from the notification of the member's death within 30 days, with a maximum of \$5000.00. The mail out expense of notifying members of the deaths may be deducted from the fund. (In view of this, the earliest a beneficiary could expect to receive benefits from the Benevolent Fund would be 45 days. It is possible, in the case of multiple deaths, for it to be a longer period of time.) Any member of the Benevolent Fund may designate his or her beneficiary. Otherwise, benefits shall be paid to the member's spouse.
- h. Any member of the Benevolent Association who may transfer to another District may remain a member of the Benevolent Fund in Texas providing they remain current with their donations and remain in good standing with the United Pentecostal Church.
- i. A Benevolent Committee of three members shall be appointed by the District Board for the

purpose of resolving claims for deceased members of unusual or exceptional circumstances not covered by the policy.

- j. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall issue each new member and each incoming transferee to the Texas District a Benevolent Fund Application to be returned to the District Secretary-Treasurer within 30 days. If a new minister or transferee desires membership after the qualifying period of thirty days (according to Section 2, Paragraph d.) he or she shall be required to pay donations for each death from the time period following the expiration of his or her qualifying date to become a new member of the Benevolent Fund not to exceed \$120.00. This same privilege of enrollment into the Benevolent Fund may be extended by the South Texas District to each of its new members or incoming transferees.

BENEVOLENT FUND MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

As provided under the Texas District Constitution, Benevolent Fund Membership is available to ministers and minister's spouses of either the Texas District or the South Texas District. Enrollment periods are as follows:

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The Benevolent Fund is currently paying \$6,000.00 to a beneficiary at the time of death. The number of members participating determines our ability to pay at this level. Please help those who lose a loved one by enrolling today. You may also visit the following web address for more information: <http://texasdistrictupci.org/benevolent-fund>.

For more complete information on the Benevolent Fund refer to the Texas District Constitution, Article XI, Section 2 (Benevolent Fund).

BENEVOLENT FUND ENROLLMENT FORM

Name of Licensed Minister: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Name of Spouse or Beneficiary: _____

Enclosed is a check for my enrollment fee in the amount of: _____

() \$15.00 for minister () \$15.00 for spouse

Date of License or Transfer (if applicable): _____

Texas District Minister **South Texas District Minister**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail to: Texas District • 4109 S. First Street, Lufkin, TX 75901