## Brotherhood/Sisterhood OF THE Western N.C. Conference OF The United Methodist Church



Lay people have often asked how they can help the family when death comes to a pastor (member of the Brotherhood/ Sisterhood) in our annual conference.

Thanks to concerned clergy and laity, a fund was established over a century ago to assist clergy families at the death of the "breadwinner" pastor/husband/wife/mother or single pastor.

Upon notification of death, **The Brotherhood/Sisterhood** issues a check in the amount of the current benefit to the surviving spouse or designated beneficiary. (If no beneficiary is named, the benefit is made payable to the estate of the deceased.) These funds may be used for any purpose, such as medical bills, funeral expenses or the cost of relocation of the family from a church-owned parsonage.

"The Brotherhood/Sisterhood check was a Godsend. I don't know what we would have done without it."

"The check from the Brotherhood/Sisterhood helped pay all funeral expenses, with enough left over for a headstone."

"Many, many thanks for the Brotherhood/Sisterhood check. And thanks to all the clergy and laity who made it possible."

If you would like to become an honorary member of this benevolent organization, complete the application form on the back of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or mail it to our office in Belmont.

Many Thanks!

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## My Response as a Lay Person

I would like to help in the following way:
I will give \$6.00 upon each notice of death
I will give \$ upon each notice of death
I will give \$108.00 each year (\$6.00 times the number of notices of death. We average 18 calls per year and we will notify you only once a year, if you wish.
Name:
Phone Number:
E-mail Address:
Your Church:
District:
Want to join?

Please complete and place this application in the offering plate or mail this form to

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