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## RETIREMENT HOUSING AND NURSING CARE FOR THE CLERGY AND THEIR DEPENDANTS

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Dear Secretary

In 2008 the Board is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the start of its provision of Retirement Housing for retired clergy, clergy widows or widowers and licensed lay workers.

When the clergy retire, they not only receive a pension from the Board, but also have access to a range of housing options to suit their particular circumstances, including 'Supported Housing', where independent living in private flats is enhanced by the knowledge that help from staff is near at hand if needed. The first of these homes opened in 1948; there are now seven around the country and also a nursing care home.

It is the Board's **charitable funds**, which are completely **separate** from the pension scheme, that support these retirement homes. In addition these funds are used to help pensioners on low incomes, and to assist with the fees paid by those living in independent nursing or care homes.

The charitable funds have to rely solely on generous gifts and bequests from parishes and individuals. **In 1948 the Board had 2,541 pensioners. In 2008 there are almost 12,000** and calls on these funds are increasing. We hope therefore in our 60th Anniversary year your PCC will be able to support the Board's work for its more needy pensioners.

**To mark our Anniversary, the Board would be most grateful if your PCC could display the enclosed poster where it can be seen by Church members, visitors and others.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS**

**Thank you**

Yours sincerely

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