

Recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors - 2012

These figures represent an increase in salary for each additional year of experience, plus a cost of living increase over the 2011 Recommended Minimum Cash Salary Table. The cost of living increase for 2012 is 3.6%. This suggested salary table is based on full-time ministry; thus, it should be adjusted appropriately for part-time ministry.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>MDiv Degree</u>	<u>Bachelor & Approved Ministry Training</u>	<u>No Bachelor & Approved Ministry Training</u>
0	\$36,138	\$30,649	\$26,696
1	\$37,584	\$31,876	\$27,764
2	\$39,087	\$33,153	\$28,873
3	\$40,653	\$34,477	\$30,028
4	\$42,275	\$35,857	\$31,231
5	\$43,967	\$37,290	\$32,484
6	\$45,287	\$38,409	\$33,453
7	\$46,645	\$39,561	\$34,458
8	\$48,046	\$40,746	\$35,493
9	\$49,484	\$41,970	\$36,557
10	\$50,969	\$43,229	\$37,654
11	\$51,988	\$44,095	\$38,408
12	\$53,028	\$44,977	\$39,175
13	\$54,090	\$45,875	\$39,960
14	\$55,169	\$46,794	\$40,759
15	\$56,276	\$47,730	\$41,575
16	\$56,838	\$48,205	\$41,991
17	\$57,407	\$48,690	\$42,411
18	\$57,979	\$49,177	\$42,832
19	\$58,560	\$49,666	\$43,261
20	\$59,144	\$50,164	\$43,693
21	\$59,737	\$50,667	\$44,128
22	\$60,335	\$51,173	\$44,569
23	\$60,936	\$51,683	\$45,016
24	\$61,546	\$52,201	\$45,468
25	\$62,162	\$52,724	\$45,921
26	\$62,783	\$53,250	\$46,379
27	\$63,410	\$53,782	\$46,845
28	\$64,044	\$54,321	\$47,312
29	\$64,685	\$54,863	\$47,786
30	\$65,333	\$55,411	\$48,264

Cash Salary Guidelines – 2012

- A. All congregations are encouraged to meet The Recommended Minimum Cash Salary figures. Congregations should then consider going above and beyond the minimum when weighing:
- ◆ higher than average “cost of living” in various parts of the country
 - ◆ merit for outstanding pastoral leadership
 - ◆ acknowledgment of milestones and markers of ministerial service
 - ◆ evidence of application of growth in leadership through participation in continuing education events
- B. The Recommended Minimum Cash Salary assumes the pastor will pay parsonage utilities and the Self-Employment Tax.
- C. The three columns on the salary scale assume completion of denominational educational requirements as defined in the 1999 *Ministerial Leadership* paper.

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership offers three types of non-degree (certificate) training: TRIM (Training in Ministry), EFSM (Education for Shared Ministry) and ACTS (Academy Certified Training Systems)

Ministerial training in non-Brethren institutions should be of high quality, as determined by a District Ministry Commission, and it should always be supplemented by additional course work in Brethren life and thought.

First salary column: A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college, and the Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) from an accredited seminary. The word accredited is important. If you are uncertain about an institution’s accreditation, call one of the Brethren colleges, Bethany Theological Seminary, or the Office of Ministry.

An adjustment should be made for a Master’s degree other than the M. Div. The Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.Th.), for example, is normally a two-year degree program, and it is not recommended as a ministerial degree. Additional course work would likely be in order for persons serving in the pastoral ministry.

Second salary column: Persons with a Bachelor’s degree who have completed an approved non-degree ministerial training program comparable to one of the Brethren Academy programs.

Third salary column: Persons who do not have a Bachelor’s degree, but have completed an approved non-degree ministerial training program comparable to one of the Brethren Academy programs.

- D. Those with the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree from an accredited seminary, add an additional 5% to the appropriate M. Div. figure.
- E. After 30 years of ministerial service, the congregation and pastor need to negotiate an annual increase in salary that reflects additional years of experience, education, and an annual cost of living increase.
- F. The mileage rate for parish work should be the figure established by the IRS.

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