



The Ven. Richard I. Cluett
Nominee for Trustee
Church Pension Fund

I am seeking election to the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund and would welcome your support and your prayers, and if elected your wisdom in carrying out this ministry. I can be reached by email at Rick@Cluett.org.

I retired from full-time ordained ministry in January 2005 and am canonically resident in the Diocese of Bethlehem where I currently live and serve as the diocesan Chaplain to Retired Clergy and Families, as the (again full-time) Interim Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, PA. I also serve as a Conference Leader for CREDO.

Since ordination in 1970, through memberships in three clergy associations and other avenues, I have worked on behalf of the welfare and well-being of clergy and their families.

I served for 14 years in parish ministry in the dioceses of Washington, Rochester and Bethlehem, and then for 20 years as the Archdeacon of Bethlehem.

My responsibilities as archdeacon included clergy support and development, congregational development, the pastoral care of clergy and lay employees and their families, and on behalf of the Bishop of Bethlehem, oversight of the staff, budget, endowment, program, and resources of the Diocese of Bethlehem. This ministry has been described as being the prior of the diocesan community.

Some other relevant church service has included: member, of the Benefits Review Advisory Committee of the Church Pension Fund; chair of the Church Deployment Board; president, of the Board of Trustees of the Mid-Atlantic Career Center; membership in the Conference of Diocesan Executives; and General Convention deputy since 1985.

I believe that this experience will enable me to exercise the fiduciary responsibilities of a member of the Board of Trustees and help guide the Church Pension Group in creatively carrying out the vital ministries of caring for the clergy and lay employees and their families on behalf of the Episcopal Church, and serving the needs of parishes, while at the same time safeguarding the unique and wonderful resource that is the Church Pension Fund.