



*Presbyterian*  
**Relief Fund**

*Helping those under  
the pastoral care of the  
Presbyterian Church in  
Ireland who are facing  
financial pressure on  
a modest income.*

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## *What is this fund for?*

The purpose of the Presbyterian Relief Fund is to help those under the pastoral care of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland who are facing financial pressure on a modest income.



## *What type of assistance does it provide?*

A regular quarterly grant for those who require financial support to meet necessary living costs.

A one-off exceptional needs/crisis grant to meet an unexpected essential need which cannot be met out of normal weekly income such as:

- travel allowances
- laundry and household equipment
- specialist medical / disability aids and equipment
- security and safety
- energy and environment
- respite care

## *Who manages the Relief Fund?*

The trustees manage the fund and the administration is carried out by staff within the Church's Financial Secretary's Department, Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

## *Am I entitled to apply for assistance?*

If you are living in your own home, not residential care or similar facility, and have income below the level of the annual national living wage and have savings less than specified amounts, you can apply.

## *How do I apply?*

Applications are normally made through the minister of your congregation and you will be asked to provide some information about your personal and financial circumstances, which is kept strictly confidential.

If you meet the criteria and would like more information on the Fund or an application form, please speak to your minister.

## *How long does it take to process an application?*

Where possible, applications are normally processed within a four week period.

## *How are payments made?*

Grants are paid directly into your nominated building society/bank account although a cheque can be issued if preferred.

## *How long are the grants paid for?*

The regular quarterly grant will continue to be paid as long as your financial circumstances remain unchanged and you meet the criteria. The minister supporting the application will be requested to keep the Fund aware of any such changes in your circumstances.