



A Homeowner's Guide for Determining Clergy Parsonage Allowance

Lowest of Three (3) Values

- Costs to maintain home
- *Fair Rental Value* of furnished home plus utilities
- Amount designated by the congregation or employer (or reported to JRB in retirement)

Costs Included in Maintaining a Home (Primary Residence)

- Down payment
- Mortgage payments to purchase or improve a home (principal and interest)
- Real estate taxes
- Utilities (electricity, gas, oil, water, trash removal, local telephone, Internet access fees)
- Homeowner's insurance
- Yard maintenance and lawn care
- Furnishings and appliances (purchase or repair)
- Household renovations
- Maintenance items (household cleansers, light bulbs, pest control, etc.)
- Homeowners association dues

Determining the Fair Rental Value of Furnished Home

- Consult local real estate agent or broker
- Comparable rental listed in real estate section of local newspaper