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## **Actuarial Valuations**



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#### What Is a Valuation?

A report indicating the financial and funding status of your retirement plan

- A summary of your plan's present financial condition
- A projection into the future



## Why Do You Need a Valuation?

# A valuation helps you determine whether your pension plan is sustainable

- Are you collecting enough?
- What are the expected pension payments?
- Are you investing properly?
- Will you be able to meet your obligations 10, 25, even 40 years from now?

## Why Do You Need a Valuation?

#### A valuation helps you find out if:



Your plan should be changed



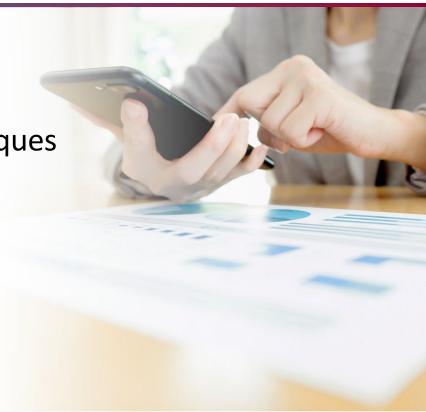
#### Your information is accurate

- Data on retirees and spouses
- Data on active clergy and families



# What Is an Actuary?

- University-trained
- Uses established modeling techniques
- Uses your participant data
- Projects probable outcomes not average outcomes



# Is Accurate Data Really Necessary?

#### **How Do You Know**

- When someone will retire if you don't know his or her age?
- If you need to pay a surviving spouse if you don't know who is married?
- How much pension to pay someone if you don't know their service record?



#### How Does a Valuation Work?

#### **Facts We Know About Today**

- Number of participants
- Age of participants
- Years of service for participants
- Amount of benefits paid today
- Amount already set aside



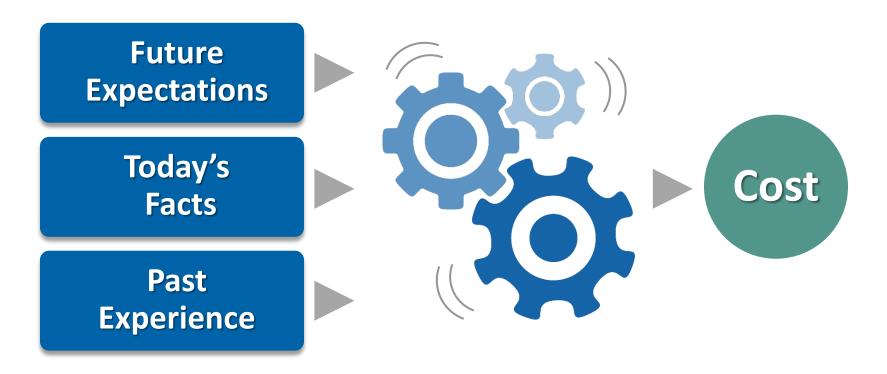
#### How Does a Valuation Work?

#### **Assumptions About the Things We Don't Know**

- The age that clergy are likely to retire
- The likelihood that clergy will reach retirement age
- How long clergy are likely to live after they retire
- The number of and the life expectancy for spouses
- How much the retirement fund investments will earn each year



#### **Actuarial Valuation Process**



#### What Does a Valuation Tell Us?

Valuations show the cost of future pension payments to achieve sustainability

- At some time in the future
- Only after specific unpredictable events have happened (retirement)
- Payments will continue to be made for an unpredictable length of time



#### What Does a Valuation Tell Us?

#### More simply, an actuary calculates:

- The cost of payments in the future, and
- The funds and contributions necessary today to meet those future costs

#### Your Pension Plan Is Sustainable If:

- You are collecting as required by the plan
- You are paying out as required by the plan
- You are investing prudently
- It is just as sustainable 40 years from now as it is 10 years from now



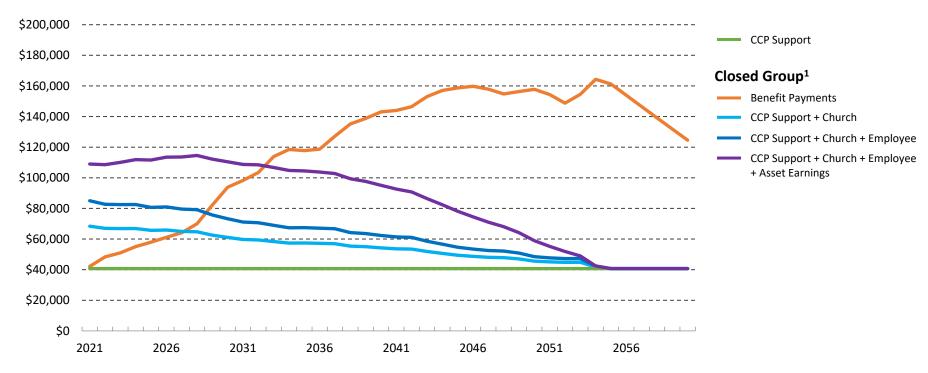
## Valuations—Summary



In general, valuations tell you about the financial condition of your pension plan

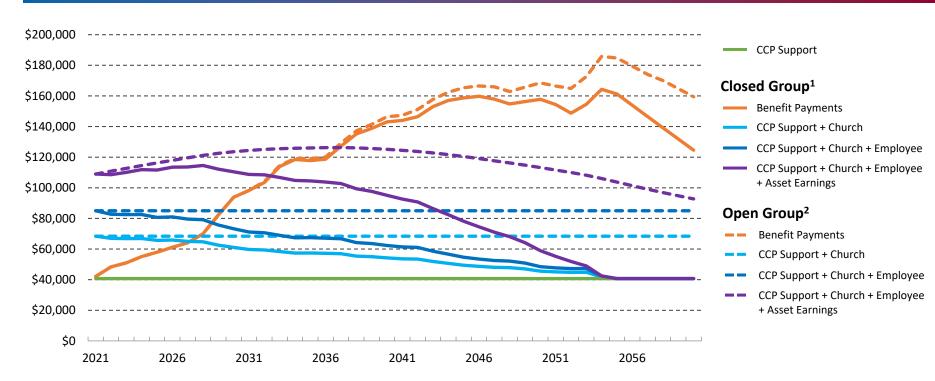
Your specific valuation tells you what is ahead for the next 40 years

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