

Pioneer Valley Church of Christ Benevolence Policy Addendum

I. Extenuating Crisis Requests

In the event of a natural disaster or pandemic that results in massive job loss, displacement, or a significant loss of income, a special request process for food assistance is described below to ensure the members of the Pioneer Valley Church of Christ are able to feed themselves and their dependents.

A. Online Request Form

The online request form will request the following details:

- Member Name
- Date of job loss or reduction
- Details of job loss including information about the company and expected return if any
- Number of dependents
- Preferred Vendor such as Stop & Shop, ShopRite, and so forth

B. Request Processing

The Benevolence Coordinators will receive the request, confirm that the requestor is a member in good standing, and then mail food cards using the following formula:

- \$200 for the member
- \$100 per dependent for up to 4 dependents

The total range for this specific request is \$200 to \$600. This range is based on information from the February 2020 USDA Food Plan. PVCC expects that other government programs will be in effect such as unemployment insurance, SNAP, and WIC.

C. Frequency of Use

Food assistance benevolence requires the member to submit a request monthly. Each monthly request will be evaluated by the Benevolence Coordinators.

D. Benevolence Approval

This addendum to the Benevolence Policy supersedes the \$500 Board of Directors approval requirement. Food assistance requests from \$500 to \$600 can be approved by the Benevolence Coordinators. All other Benevolence policies remain in effect.