



Retirement

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If it's too late to start saving early, **START SAVING NOW!**

TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT RETIREMENT?

Think again... small amounts put aside when you're young, equal big savings for your future.

IS A SPOUSAL RRSP RIGHT FOR YOU?

By contributing to your spouse's RRSP, you may benefit from tax savings at retirement. You can put some or all of your RRSP contributions into your spouse's RRSP, which reduces your own RRSP deduction limit but not your spouse's RRSP contribution room. You might consider contributing to a spousal RRSP if your spouse has a significantly lower income now, or expects to have a significantly lower retirement income.

SIMPLIFYING RETIREMENT PLANNING

We all know the steps we're supposed to take to live healthier lives — eat well, exercise and try to minimize stress. But what about your financial health? After all, your finances make up a big part of your overall well-being.



Ensuring you can have the retirement you've been dreaming of is just one reason to focus on your finances. Especially since you may spend one-third or more of your life in retirement. And whether it's just around the corner or further away, you'll want to do what you can now to make those years count.

This may mean enjoying time with grandchildren, continuing your service with the Church, travelling — or maybe a little bit of everything! Whatever your retirement dream, you'll need a plan to help get you there. Your *Retirement Planner* is here to help you prepare for the future you want. It lets you easily estimate the value of your Church pension as well as your potential retirement income from all your sources like personal savings and government programs.



Visit Your Retirement Planner at: <https://www.twtools.ca/SDARetirementPlanner> (don't forget the "s" in the address — https) to do all this and *more!*

Tax shelter today to save more for tomorrow

While your Church pension will form a crucial part of your retirement income, it's just one piece of the picture. Your personal savings will also be essential to helping you live your retirement dream. Saving in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) is one great way to save more for your future.

Any investment income you earn inside your RRSP or TFSA is tax-sheltered, which means you do not pay income tax on any investment earnings while your money is in one of these accounts. The big benefit here is that every dollar in your account has the opportunity of earning additional investment income. When you retire, or if you withdraw your money before retirement, money you receive from your RRSP will be taxed. You can make withdrawals from your TFSA at any time and this money is not taxed.

DID YOU KNOW...

In 2014, contributions to RRSPs totalled \$38.6 billion. Nationally, the median contribution in 2014 was \$3,000 (source: Stats Canada)

Find out more



Consider what you need for insurance carefully... your insurance needs don't end when you stop working.

NEED A REMINDER OF THE PENSION PLAN FEATURES

Maybe it's been awhile since you read the Church pension plan booklet and you aren't sure of all the details of the Church's pension plan. Good news — we recently created an updated booklet so you'll have what you need right at your fingertips.



INSURANCE PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT

As a Church employee, you are covered by our term Life and AD&D Insurance, which means when you retire you will not be covered under our policy. You can have peace of mind knowing your beneficiaries are taken care of in the event of a serious illness, injury or death. But your insurance needs are as unique as you are, which is why we give you several options to buy additional coverage if you need it.

Insurance isn't something you stop needing once you finish working. Have you thought about what coverage you'll need in retirement? When thinking about your needs, here are some points to consider:

- Would your death or serious injury or illness affect someone else financially?
- Is your spouse self-sufficient? Will they lose a significant amount of income if you die?
- Is there an alternative source of income your dependants could rely on in the event of your death?
- What about any children you may have?
- Do you have ongoing financial obligations?
- Do you have any large debts that would require payment upon your death?
- Do you want to leave something behind for your family?
- Do you plan on continuing to work, even part-time?

When considering your life insurance options, it's important to determine how much money will be needed to lessen the financial impact of your death on your loved ones. Ultimately, it's your responsibility to ensure you have the protection you need, when you need it.

Going away? Travel insurance is always important, but even more so in retirement. Whether you are a snowbird or just taking a short trip, it's essential to ensure you have the coverage you need so you can travel with peace of mind.

RETIREMENT PLANNING CHECKLIST

Here are some tips to help you retire right:

- Speak to a professional advisor about your retirement plan
- Decide on your retirement date
- Determine how much you will need to maintain your lifestyle
- Determine where the money will come from
- Maximize your RRSP and TFSA contributions
- Reduce or eliminate debt
- Consider post-employment health, life and disability insurance
- Keep your named beneficiaries up to date for all your retirement accounts

NEXT ISSUE

Be sure to let us know if there's a topic you'd like us to cover and we'll try our best to include your suggestions in future issues.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

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