

Wesley by the Sea – Wells, ME

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why is PAS doing the *Because They Serve* campaign now?**
 - > PAS's housing initiative is in response to a demonstrated need for more affordable living opportunities for New England's United Methodist retired clergy community. In order for PAS to properly respond without sacrificing existing or future services, PAS is seeking financial support from the United Methodist community in New England.
 - > This campaign will enable PAS to continue providing the quality and breadth of care it has offered for years, while simultaneously helping PAS build affordable homes and bring down the cost of living for those families in need at Wesley by the Sea.
- **How many homes does PAS have?**
 - > There are 21 homes in total at *Wesley by the Sea* on 28 acres of land.
 - > In addition, there is a great community building.
 - > PAS also rents out 8 homes at *Wesley Woods* in Gilford, NH.
- **Will the pastors own the homes at Wesley by the Sea?**
 - > Pastoral ownership may someday be an option, but right now the homes are all rentals owned by PAS. Residents are welcome to live in their homes for as long as they desire.
- **How much does it cost a pastor to live in PAS housing?**
 - > *Wesley by the Sea* homes will initially be rented at \$1,150 per month. This rate will simply cover the cost of the mortgage, taxes, and maintenance for each home.
 - > Utility costs for these homes are expected to be exceptionally low as a result of their LEEDS Certified design.
 - > PAS's ability to lower the cost of living at *Wesley by the Sea* is dependent upon the success of this campaign. Funds raised during *Because They Serve* will grant PAS the flexibility to further supplement the cost of living for those most in need.
 - > Homes at *Wesley Woods* in Gilford, NH are rented on a sliding scale based upon one's income. Monthly rent ranges from \$550 - \$800.
- **What does it mean for a home to be LEEDS Certified?**
 - > LEEDS stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standards
 - > The homes in Wesley by the Sea are *green* buildings, built to the highest standards of energy efficiency and environmental compatibility. They will be heated at less than 50% of the cost of conventional construction. LEEDS certification is available to only homes built to the very highest of these standards.
- **If you have additional questions, please contact:**
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