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Add new subparagraph to ¶ 361:

**¶361.5.** *Pension Status* – When an ordained member withdraws from the ordained office or from the denomination for any reason, the withdrawing clergy person shall be entitled to the full pension credit they have earned up to the time of withdrawal, including all years of service and all funds deposited in their name, whether personal contributions or funds contributed by a salary-paying unit.

Rationale: This provision would reassure those who contemplate withdrawal that their pension benefit would not suffer due to withdrawal. This language codifies what is already part of the current pension plan document. The language would guard against future changes in the plan document that might deprive persons of their pension benefit.