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Plan Design Update

Agenda

***Compass* Features Not Previously Discussed**

- Accumulation phase
- Distribution phase

Administrative Considerations

- Plan sponsor billing
- Deferral elections





Compass Accumulation Phase

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- Risks during the accumulation phase
 - Investment
 - Behavioral
 - Money invested too conservatively when young
 - Money invested too aggressively closer to retirement
- To mitigate those risks, professional investment recommendations are available with LifeStage Investment Management (“LSIM”)



LifeStage Investment Management will be **mandatory** for **plan sponsor contributions** in *Compass*. Currently mandatory for MPP



Compass Distribution Phase

Distribution Phase

Fundamental issue all account based plans face:
How much can a participant safely withdraw?

Problem:

Spend too much → Risk of outliving assets

Spend too little →

- Standard of living unnecessarily low
- Assets intended for retirement go to heirs

Distribution Phase: Overarching Objectives

Important/Desired

- Emphasize retirement income for retirees and spouses
- Maximize lifetime income
- Minimize income volatility
- Minimize longevity risk

Less Important/Less Desired

- Money left to heirs
- Ability to access money for non-retirement income purposes

Distribution Phase

Tools offered to optimize retirement income

- Deferred annuity—
Qualified Longevity Annuity Contract
- Social Security Bridge
- Automatic payout system—
LifeStage Retirement Income

Question: Should any of the above be mandated in the new plan?

Board Deliberations

Most Important Objective:

Ensure participants have lifetime retirement income

- Flexibility is needed
 - Where flexibility is offered, a default can be used to “nudge” participants to behavior that’s best for most
- Any optional feature brings risk of assets not being used for lifetime income

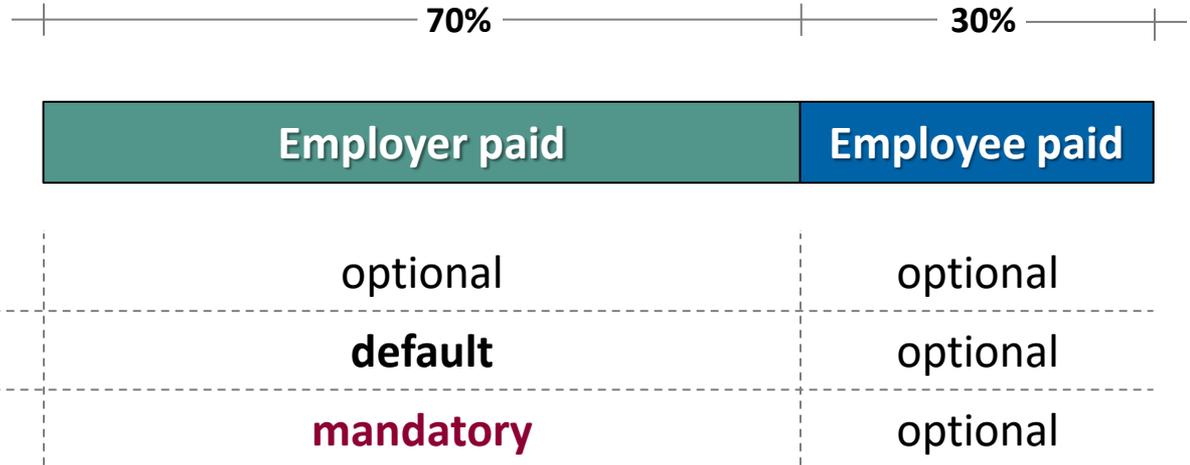


Defaults

- Defaults work
 - Signal what the plan sponsor considers to be in participant’s best interest
 - Making a certain option the default has proven to be a strong guide for participants’ ultimate choice
- A default forces participants to “opt out” (if they disagree) whereas an optional feature requires “opt in”



Mandatory vs. Optional Features



Mandatory LSRI Arguments

Arguments in Favor

- Addresses desired distribution objectives:
 - Emphasizes retirement income for retiree and spouse
 - Maximizes lifetime income
 - Minimizes income volatility
 - Minimizes longevity risk
- Mitigates behavioral risk
- Mitigates risk of retirees requesting additional financial assistance from conference

Arguments Against

- Not a feature of a typical Defined Contribution plan
- Can be seen as overly paternalistic
- Emphasizes security over flexibility
 - Less flexibility with respect to investment of account
 - Less flexibility with respect to distribution options

Hardship Provision in Mandatory LSRI

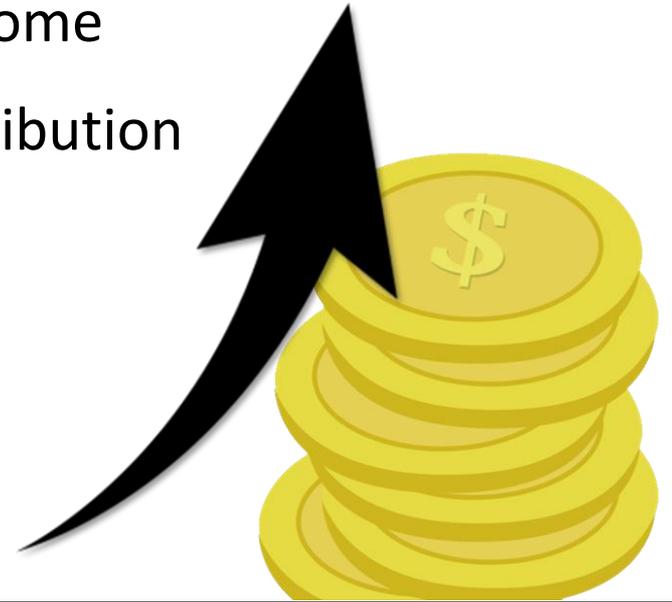
Administrative processes will be established to allow accelerated access to money otherwise reserved for lifetime income (LSRI)

- Intent is to provide needed flexibility in cases of terminal or critical illness
- Similar to “living benefits” in life insurance

Distribution Phase: Reminders

LSRI payout level is only maximum amount

- Participant can choose to draw lower income
- Minimum is the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) required by tax law





Plan Sponsor Billing

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Current State

- About 10,000 paper bills sent every month
- About 2,000 plan sponsors use Contribution Management (CM)
- Alternative is integration with Paychex
 - Currently used by about 300 plan sponsors



Plan Sponsor Billing

Future State Goal

- No more paper bills!
- All billing done electronically
 - Contribution Management
 - Paychex, or
 - New “autopay” system



Transition targeted for 2022 and 2023

Challenges

- Lack of technology at many churches
- System access and recertification
- Multiple bank accounts
- Combined clergy and lay billing
- Mechanism if ACH debit fails

We seek your input and guidance

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Deferral Elections



Online Deferral Elections

Convenient for participant

Easier for local churches

Reliable for conference

Simpler for Wespath

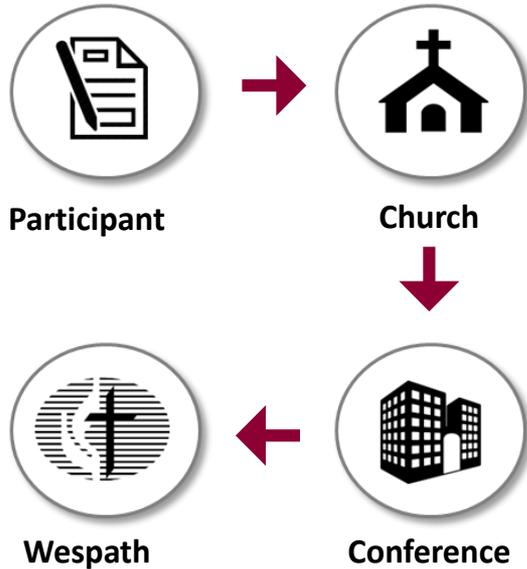
Current Clergy Contributions

	CRSP-Eligible Only	All Clergy
Average clergy contribution rate (excluding 0% rates)	5.67%  5.75%	6.01%  6.04%
Average clergy contribution rate (including 0% rates)	4.66%  4.72%	4.43%  4.48%
Percentage of clergy not contributing to UMPIP	17.8%  18.0%	26.3%  25.8%

Small number on left is as of end of 2017; large number on right is as of end of 2018

Reversal of Information Flow

Current



Future

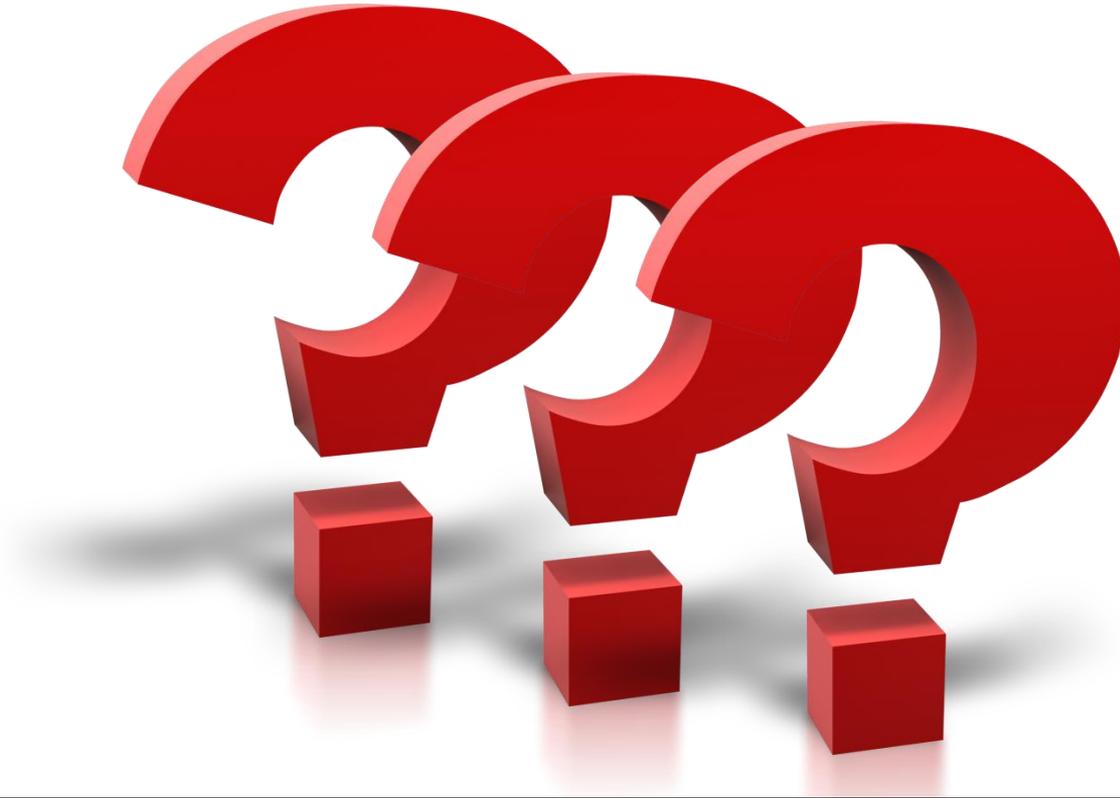


1% Challenge

- Challenge clergy to increase contributions—
September – December
- **589** clergy participating
- Most conferences represented
- Good opportunity to learn:
 - Online elections
 - Implications of percent of pay



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