



Dear:

Congratulations on your retirement! We spath is ready to support you as you make decisions about your retirement benefits. As of June 5, 2020, we have not received your benefit elections.

What should you do next?



1. Go online to elect your retirement benefits

The online application in <u>Benefits Access</u> walks you through your benefit options and simplifies the process. If you requested a paper form, you can still choose to complete your application online, or make sure you complete and return the forms to us. We spath will send a confirmation letter when we receive your completed online or paper applications for benefits.

Note: Benefits Access was updated Saturday, June 6 with a new look and improvements to its navigation. The site is also now compatible with smartphones and tablets.



2. Consider <u>LifeStage Retirement Income</u>

Our free¹ service issues monthly payments from your defined contribution account balances, making it easy to manage your retirement distributions. At the same time, <u>LifeStage Investment Management</u> professionally manages your investment portfolio.



3. Contact EY Financial Services (EY) or your financial planner

EY offers professional guidance as you make retirement benefit decisions. Call EY at **1-800-360-2539** or visit <u>wespath.eynavigate.com</u> for personalized, confidential assistance at no additional cost to you. ^{1, 2}

When should you expect your benefit payment?

Initial payments require a longer time to process, so be prepared for a delay of up to three business days. Future payments will be deposited directly into your account on the first business day of each month.

How does Wespath keep you informed?



Updated benefits information on our website

Visit wespath.org to learn about:

Changes to the required beginning date for retirement plan distributions in our <u>one-page information sheet</u> and <u>FAQs</u>.

- Your Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) annuity and options for deferring the start of your benefits in a **short video**.
- Other recent legislative changes that may impact your benefits in our <u>CARES Act FAQs</u> and <u>CARES Act summary</u>.



Weekly updates

Make sure you keep your email address updated so you continue receiving the weekly participant emails. You can change your email address on Benefits Access—go to Profile> Update Contact Information—or by phone at 1-800-851-2201.

Wespath is here for you!

If you haven't done so already, sign up <u>here</u> for a one-on-one, virtual consultation with a member of our Benefits Education team.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning your retirement, contact a Retirement Team Specialist at **1-800-883-4078** or retirementteam@wespath.org. Representatives are available business days from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Central time.

Sincerely,

Wespath Benefits and Investments

¹Costs for EY Financial Planning and LifeStage services are included in Wespath's operating expenses that are paid for by the funds. ²EY Financial Planning Services are available to active participants and surviving spouses with account balances, and to retired and terminated participants with account balances of at least \$10,000.

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