## Dear Participant,

Calls for America to address systemic racial discrimination continue to dominate the news. Many corporations and organizations recently aligned with the Black Lives Matter movement, taking public stances against racial injustice and police violence, and committing to financially support organizations dedicated to addressing racial justice.

Wespath's General Secretary, Barbara Boigegrain, joined General Secretaries of all Church boards and agencies, as well as other Church leaders, to release a statement marking "this moment as a time to recommit to urgent action to dismantle racism in the United States and in the church" and committing to "look with new eyes and renewed commitment at matters relating to staffing, the make-up and leadership of our boards of directors and the allocation of resources to the important work of racial justice and equity." Read the entire statement <a href="here">here</a>.

Wespath also recently signed on to the <u>Investor Statement of Solidarity to Address</u>

<u>Systemic Racism and Call to Action</u>, joining 128 investors in solidarity. The statement recognizes that "...the investor community has contributed to and benefited from racist systems and the entrenchment of white supremacy." The signers indicate that they commit to "...dismantling systemic racism and promoting racial equity and justice through our investments and work."

COVID-19 remains a fact of life, with the number of diagnosed infections and hospitalizations increasing in some states, as well as reports of reoccurrences abroad. Our Benefits Education team is prepared with a plan to ensure we provide you with the education you need about your benefits--virtually. Tune in to see what Wespath has in store!

We are here for you if you need help managing your accounts or accessing Wespath's programs and services. Call us at **1-800-851-2201** business days from **8:00 a.m.** to **6:00 p.m.**, Central time to speak to a representative. For current information and updates, check in on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and on <u>Wespath's Coronavirus webpage</u>.

## For Your Education

Virtual Benefits Education in our New Normal

Wespath's Benefits Education Manager, Bob Christophel, shares Wespath's plans for continuing to share information and education about benefit plans and programs in a socially-distanced world.



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