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Dear Participant,

In recognition that the pandemic continues to impact our ability to gather in person, Wespath is hard at work finding new ways to bring benefits education into your offices and homes.

In July, we launched the *Investment Insights Blog*, which highlights various topics related to Wespath's approach to investing—in an easy-to-understand format. The [second entry](#) explains why Wespath considers the impact of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors as they relate to delivering strong, long-term investment returns. The [third, and most recent, blog](#) addresses how your retirement investments support efforts to find effective therapies and vaccines to treat or prevent COVID-19. Read new blog entries as they become available [here](#).

Keep reading to find out how to avoid mail delays (which can be up to 30 days in some areas), to learn about the Saving Grace program, to hear about how our Positive Social Purpose investments in affordable housing in Dallas changed the lives of the people who live there and to view our [Markets-At-A-Glance video](#), which provides an analysis of market trends and developments shared in our [Monthly Investment Report](#).

You're always on our mind, and we're here to help. We continue to be available for your questions and to help support you and your family's well-being. Timely information is available on social media and on [Wespath.org](#). Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) so you can get this information first!

### ***Tell us what you think about our communications to you!***

We want to know if we are hitting the mark and providing the information you need, when you need it. Our [quick 5-minute survey](#) to gather feedback is closing **September 12**. You have just **2 more days** to tell us what information you find most valuable, what you'd like to learn more about and where you'd like us to say less in these emails. We hope that you find time to let us know what you think!

### **Avoid USPS Delays with Direct Deposit and Benefits Access**

Due to COVID-19 and other changes to U.S. Postal Service mail delivery procedures, participants who rely on mailed paper checks are experiencing significant delays in receiving checks—waiting up to 30 days in certain areas of the country, particularly in regions where mail is delivered only a few days per week.

Fewer than 2% of participants still receive paper checks from Wespath. Direct deposit allows you to receive one-time or ongoing distributions from Wespath quickly and securely. If you haven't already, sign up at [benefitsaccess.org](#)—log in and select "**Distributions**," then "**Manage Retirement Benefits**."

While we cannot control postal service delays, using [Benefits Access](#) instead of sending paper forms also prevents delays when you send information and forms to Wespath. [Click here](#) to find out what actions can be taken online and how much time you can save!

## Upcoming Educational Opportunities

### Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being

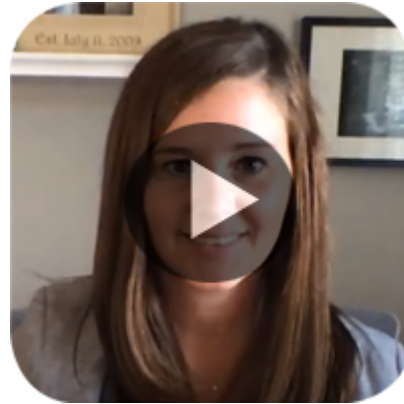
As a partner in the [Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative](#), Wespath will offer a six-session program for clergy and congregations designed to improve personal financial well-being the Wesleyan way. To learn more about this unique opportunity, [click here](#).

## For Your Education



### Investments in Affordable Housing Change Lives

General Secretary Barbara Boigegrain shows us the impact of Wespath's Positive Social Purpose investments in Dallas affordable housing.



### Markets-At-A-Glance

Wespath's Director, Institutional Relationships Karen Manczko shares our analysis of market trends and developments.

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