Portico Update from your Regional Rep, Pastor Cathy Schibler

Innovation Brings Low 2020 Health Rate Increase and More Support: If you haven't read about changes coming in 2020 to the ELCA Benefits Plan, click here to learn more.

Dates for ELCA Benefits Plan Annual Enrollment for Congregations and Plan Members: Congregations have until October 25 to make health plan option selection for 2019. Plan members have from Oct. 29-Nov. 13 to make your selections. Note: If you're part of a sponsored couple, a call to the Customer Care Center can help you navigate some of the trickier details. Sign into MyPortico to learn more.

ELCA Primary Health Plan Wellness Dollars:
Plan members have until Nov. 30 to earn up to $400 wellness dollars that can be used for medical expenses. If your spouse is also on the health plan, they can, too. If you have already started earning, don't forget to complete your activities. If you haven't yet started, now is the time to begin. Click here to learn more.

2019 Churchwide Assembly Again Calls Portico to Action:
Portico, as the ELCA's benefits expert, largest institutional investor, and benefits policy advocate, attends this triennial event to lend its perspective as the church conducts its business. **As in years past, Portico was called to action — this year, in memorials focusing on ELCA social purpose funds and health benefits.** Read more on myPortico.

How Do ELCA Social Purpose Funds Make a Difference?:
Impax Asset Management is a U.K.-based global stock investment manager making a worldwide difference by investing in companies that employ measurable positive environmental strategies, including wind farms, solar technology, and wastewater-reduction and -treatment techniques.

Portico invested $20 million in 2016 in an environment-focused strategy offered by Impax through six of its eight ELCA social purpose funds, and is proud to share Impax's environmental impact summary for 2018. Click here to find out how this investment supports care for God's creation.