



News from your Portico Regional Representative, Deacon Terri Endres

ELCA Primary Health Plan Members Getting Jump Start on Earning 2019 Wellness Dollars

For those of you who are on the ELCA Primary Health Plan and have not started earning your wellness dollars you can start today and join the 29% of eligible plan members and 19% of eligible spouses who have already begun using the 2019 Live Well Tool. [Get started.](#)

Portico Recognized for Innovating to Improve Health, Rein in Costs

Portico Benefit Services recently received a 2018 Church Benefits Association (CBA) Innovation Award for adding initiatives that have delivered impressive member health improvements, higher member satisfaction scores, and notable health plan savings.

The CBA includes about 50 member organizations, like Portico, that manage retirement and health benefits for a total of 250,000 churchworkers of various denominations. Twenty-one CBA members vied for one of four inaugural Innovation Awards. [Read the story.](#)

Social Impact First Investment Continues to Deliver

Portico's 2016 social impact first (SIF) investment made through Impax Asset Management continued to deliver valuable environmental impact in 2017.

Impax, a global stock investment manager, is making a world-wide difference by investing in companies that employ measurable positive environmental strategies, including wind farms, solar technology, and wastewater-reduction and -treatment techniques. The strategy for Portico's Impax investment is long-term growth, achieved by investing in these cleaner, more energy-efficient markets. [Get the details.](#)