



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

It's time to take the Health Assessment....NOW!!!

If you are an ELCA Health Care covered person (and your spouse, if married) and have forgotten or avoided taking the Health Assessment (HA) at the ELCA Board of Pensions (BOP) website--
<https://www.elcaforwellness.org>--NOW is the time to take it!

WHY? Most importantly, we're coming down to a deadline that we cannot afford to miss. When 76 more people take the HA this Synod will have \$57,362 in savings in **our** congregations! When 76 more people in the SW MN Synod take the HA we will, as a synod, reach the 65% threshold. This 65% threshold being reached "kicks-in" a 2% health care savings for EVERY CONGREGATION who has a person on the ELCA Health Care Plan. When 65% of all insured--clergy, A.I.M.s, spouses, other insured on staffs--have taken the HA EVERY...yes, EVERY CONGREGATION...benefits with a 2% discount in premiums costs, a savings retroactive to January 1, 2010. If we MISS the deadline by even 1 person not taking the HA we miss pay \$57,362 more in 2010! That's \$57,362 for Christ's mission! 76 more people! (Remember, spouses count, too, not just the pastor, A.I.M. or other church worker on the plan...We need spouses to take the HA)

"Be the Change" chanted ELCA youth at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Be the change! Take action NOW!

HOW MUCH ACTION? 15-20 minutes. That's right, 15-20 minutes to do the HA and IMMEDIATELY you earn \$150....\$300, if married...for health care costs! (Eventually that amount is \$450-900! You can learn more about that later but for now the other \$300/person is as easy as doing a "login" 60 times!) Is there any pastor/spouse who couldn't use the extra \$\$\$s? Take action now!

You do NOT need anything to take the HA...no blood pressure, no cholesterol. Just 15-20 minutes. PLEASE do it NOW!

Please...Please...Please....take it today! If you can't do it today write down or schedule a commitment to do it by March 31. Why March 31? Because that is the last date we have when we "know" what percentage have taken the HA in the Synod. Yes, we have till April 30th to make our 65%. But after March 31st we have no way to "know" except by individuals reporting to someone who has a checklist of whatever number we are at on April 1. Let's make this goal. 76 more that's it!

Here's the link to do it NOW: <https://www.elcaforwellness.org>

If you need help completing the Health Assessment or logging in or anything else re: the HA call (877) 352-0005 or send an email to healthcare@elcabop.org