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SYMETRA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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Symetra Financial Corporation

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Stockholder Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011

**The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:
<http://www.proxyvoting.com/sya>**

*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.
We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 29, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.



TO REQUEST PAPER COPIES OF PROXY MATERIALS:

(please reference your 11-digit control number when requesting materials)

By opting out to receive printed materials, your preference for future proxy mailings will be kept on our file.

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164**

(outside of the U.S. and Canada call 201-680-6688).

Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**

(you must reference your 11-digit control number in your email)

Internet: **<http://www.proxyvoting.com/sya>**

TO VOTE YOUR SHARES SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

This is not a proxy card. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares.

Dear Symetra Financial Corporation Stockholder:

The 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Symetra Financial Corporation (the "Company") will be held in the Key Center Training Rooms located on the lobby level of the Key Center Bank Building at 601 108th Avenue NE, Bellevue, Washington 98004, on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time.

Proposals to be considered at the 2011 Annual Meeting:

- (1) To elect two Class I Directors to serve until the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company;
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm;
- (3) To approve an advisory (non-binding) resolution on the Company's executive compensation;
- (4) To approve an advisory (non-binding) resolution on the frequency of stockholder voting on the Company's executive compensation;
- (5) To approve an amendment to the Symetra Financial Corporation Equity Plan; and
- (6) To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the 2011 Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1, 2, 3 and 5 and EVERY 3 YEARS on Item 4.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 18, 2011 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the 2011 Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.**



Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting. Directions to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting, where you may vote in person, can be found on our website, www.symetra.com.

2011 Annual Meeting Location:

Key Center Training Rooms
Lobby Level
601 108th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

The following materials are available for you to review online:

- the Company's 2011 Proxy Statement;
- the Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2010 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials);
- the Company's 2010 Corporate Report; and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

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HOW TO VOTE BY INTERNET

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