



## ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Ministry Growth Fund<sup>1</sup>

### Fund Overview

#### Description

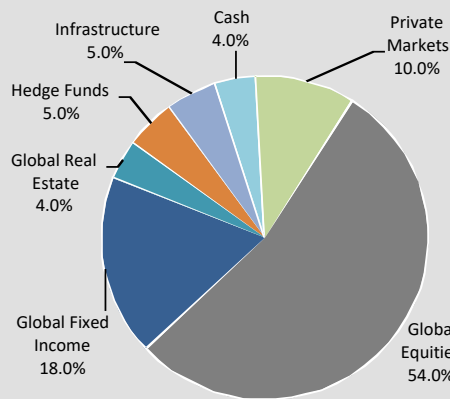
The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Ministry Growth Fund, or the Fund), was established to allow for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), its congregations, synods, seminaries and other eligible affiliated entities. To the extent practicable, the Fund pursues investment objectives in line with the Economic Social Criteria Investment Screens approved by the ELCA Church Council. Incorporated into the Fund's accounting are unitization and quarterly endowment distributions. The ELCA Foundation administers the Fund.

**Only ELCA-related institutions can be eligible to participate in this investment fund that is exempt from most security registration requirements in accordance with the Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995.**

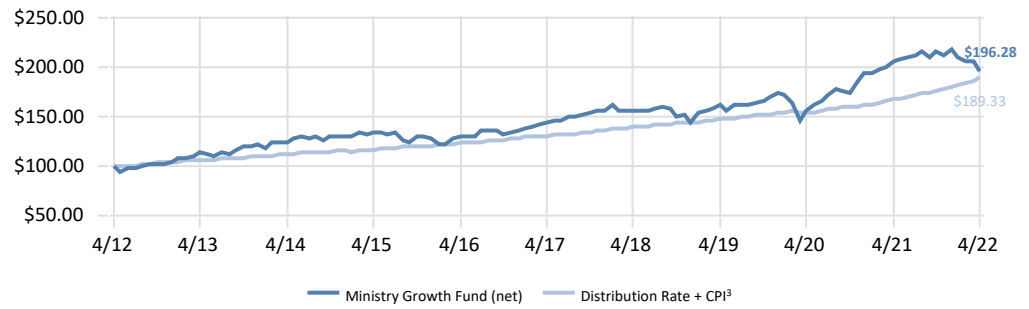
#### About Performance

The investment results depicted herein represent historical net performance after the deduction of investment manager and custodian fees and expenses as well as the Foundation's administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%). Prior to July 2017, the total fee was 100 basis points (1.00%). Refer to the Disclosure Statement for total fees and expenses. Annual, cumulative and annualized total returns are calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income plus capital appreciation. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Underlying returns were provided by the Fund's respective managers. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

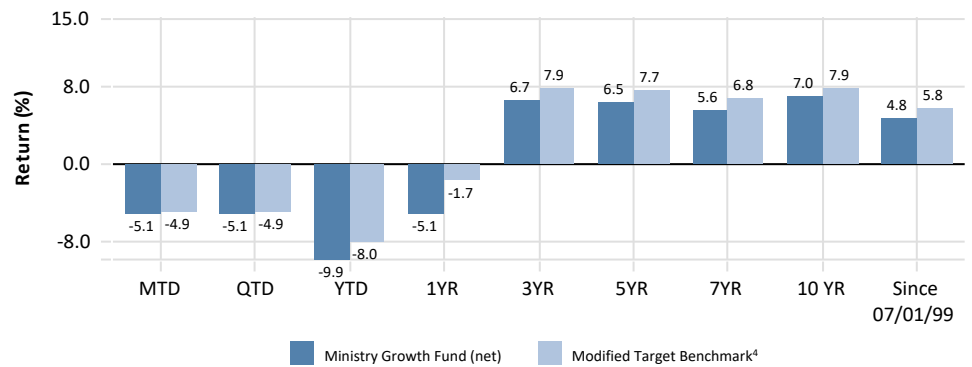
### Target Allocation<sup>2</sup>



### Growth of \$100 (10 Years Performance Analysis)

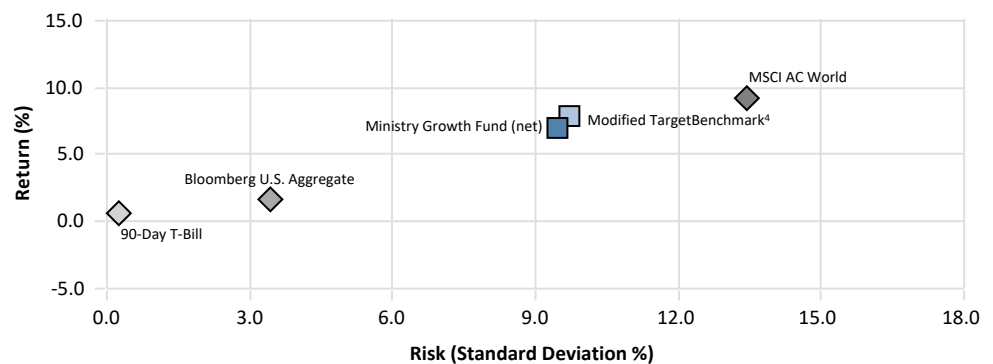


### Multi-Period Performance Analysis



	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10 YR	Since 07/01/99
<b>Ministry Growth Fund (net)</b>	<b>-5.10</b>	<b>-5.10</b>	<b>-9.89</b>	<b>-5.12</b>	<b>6.71</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>5.56</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>4.82</b>
Modified Target Benchmark <sup>4</sup>	-4.95	-4.95	-7.96	-1.72	7.95	7.68	6.75	7.86	5.84

### 10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
<b>Ministry Growth Fund (net)</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>9.48</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>-15.59</b>	<b>-0.58</b>	<b>0.97</b>
Modified Target Benchmark <sup>4</sup>	7.86	9.76	0.76	-17.20	0.00	1.00

<sup>1</sup>The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A's name was changed to the Ministry Growth Fund, effective November 1, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Approved by the ELCA Foundation Board of Trustees on September 20, 2019.

<sup>3</sup>The **Distribution Rate + CPI** consists of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus the ELCA Foundation's distribution rate. The Foundation Board of Trustee's periodically adjusts the distribution rate which is currently set at 4.0%.

<sup>4</sup>The **Target Benchmark** is comprised of: Russell 3000 (25%), MSCI ACWI xUSA IMI (29%), Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate (8%), Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. High Yield Ba/B 1% Issuer Cap (5%), Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. 1-10 Yr Inflation Linked (5%), DJ U.S. Select Real Estate Securities (2.4%), DJ Gbl xUSA Select Real Estate Securities (1.6%), HFRX Global Hedge Funds (5%), S&P Global Infrastructure (5%), Cambridge Private Equity (10%), and 90 Day T-Bill (4%) indices. The benchmark is rebalanced on a monthly basis. The **Modified Target Benchmark**: Given the 10% SAA Target allocation for private markets will fund over the course of five years, the Modified Target benchmark was created to mimic the same risk profile of the SAA Target by re-weighting the underlying target benchmark index weights (as described above) relative to the current allocation to private markets. The Modified Target Benchmark date of first use was January 1, 2021.

## Capital Markets Commentary (as of April 30, 2022)

### Capital Markets Overview

Ongoing geopolitical tensions, China lock downs, supply chain struggles, and tighter monetary policy amid persisting inflationary pressures weighed on capital markets in April. Equities, as well as Fixed Income markets, continued to struggle. The Federal Reserve raised its policy rate with a 50bps hike, with more hikes to come in 2022. The move demonstrates the Fed's hawkish views on combating the country's highest inflation rate in four decades. Yields on the 2yr and 10yr treasury bills rose causing the yield curve to steepen slightly from a previously flattened curve.

### Domestic Equity Markets

The S&P 500 fell 8.7% in April. 10 of the 11 sectors had negative returns with Consumer Staples returning 2.6%. The largest detractors were Telecom, Consumer Discretionary, and Technology returning -15.6%, -13.0%, and -11.3%, respectively. The biggest contributors after Consumer Staples were Energy and Materials returning -1.5% and -3.5%, respectively.

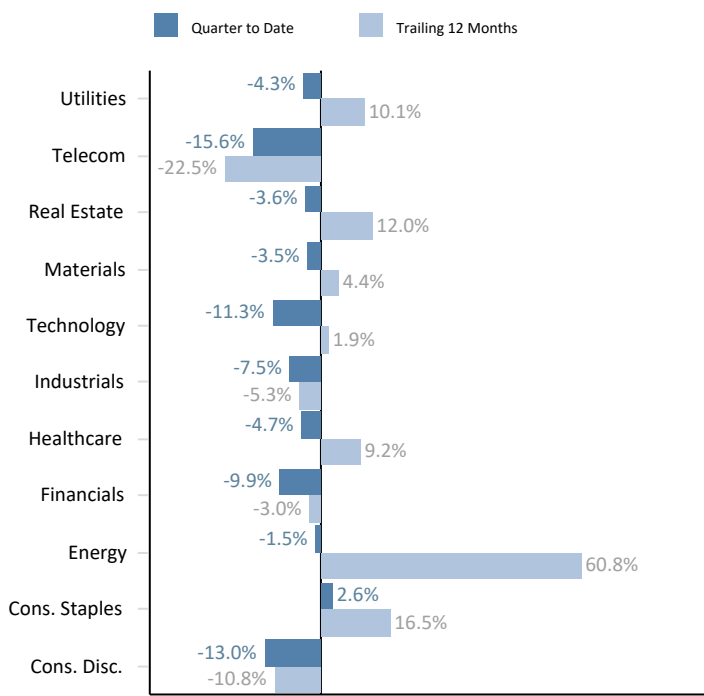
### International Equity Markets

Overall, International equities outperformed the U.S. in April. Developed international markets, as measured by the MSCI EAFE index, returned -6.5% for U.S. currency investors. The MSCI Europe index returned -5.7%, Japanese equities returned -8.8% per the MSCI Japan Index. Emerging market equity markets, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets index, returned -5.6%.

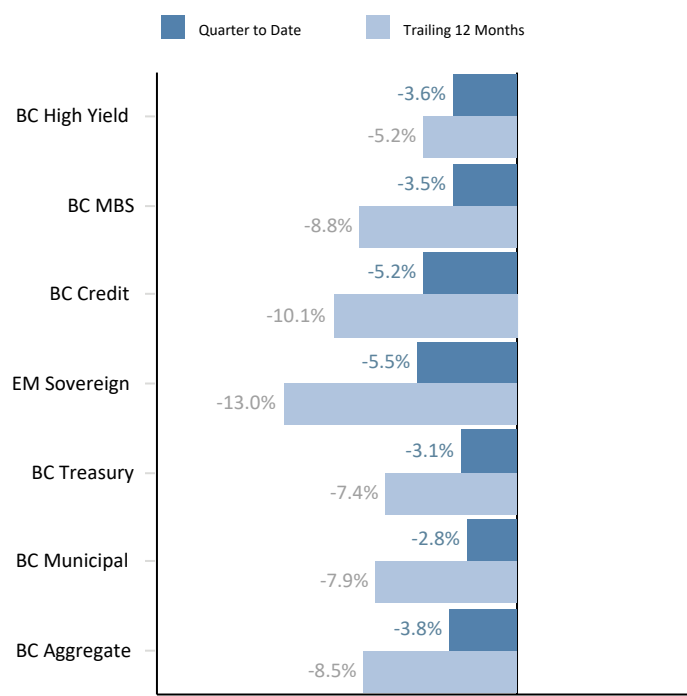
### Fixed Income Markets

Overall, bond markets declined during the month of April. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond index returned -3.8% over the period. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.9%. Riskier parts of the bond market had also fallen for the month. The Bloomberg High Yield index returned -3.6% in April.

### S&P 500 Sector Performance



### Bond Market Performance



**Sources for Capital Markets Data and Commentary:** FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC.

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