ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Ministry Growth Fund¹

Fund Overview

Description

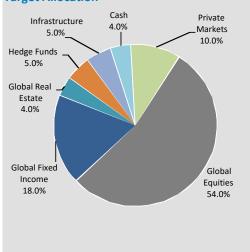
The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Ministry Growth Fund, or the Fund), was established to allow for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), its congregations, synods, seminaries and other eligible affiliated entities. To the extent 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%). Refer to the Disclosure Statement for total fees and expenses. Prior to July 2017, the total fee was 100 basis points (1.00%). 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*.

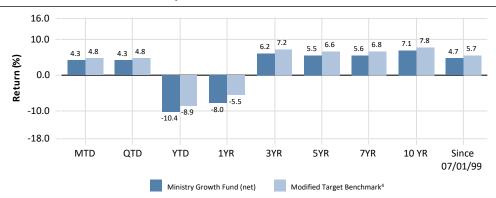
Target Allocation²



Growth of \$100 (10 Years Performance Analysis)

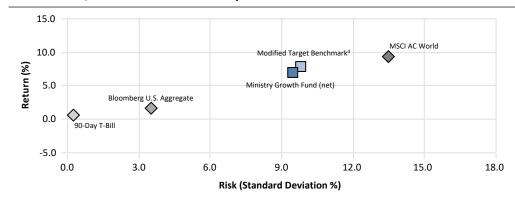


Multi-Period Performance Analysis



| | MTD | QTD | YTD | 1YR | 3YR | 5YR | 7YR | 10 YR | Since 07/01/99 |
|--|------|------|--------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------------------|
| Ministry Growth Fund (net) | 4.30 | 4.30 | -10.39 | -7.96 | 6.23 | 5.54 | 5.58 | 7.07 | 4.74 |
| Modified Target Benchmark ⁴ | 4.77 | 4.77 | -8.85 | -5.50 | 7.20 | 6.62 | 6.76 | 7.82 | 5.73 |

10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



| | Return | Standard Deviation | Sharpe Ratio | Maximum Drawdown | Alpha | Beta |
|--|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|------|
| Ministry Growth Fund (net) | 7.07 | 9.51 | 0.70 | -15.59 | -0.43 | 0.96 |
| Modified Target Benchmark ⁴ | 7.82 | 9.84 | 0.75 | -17.20 | 0.00 | 1.00 |

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

⁴ The <u>Target Benchmark</u> 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 Glb 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 <u>Modified Target Benchmark</u>: 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.



² Approved by the ELCA Foundation Board of Trustees on September 20, 2019.

³ The <u>Distribution Rate + CPI</u> consists of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus the ELCA Foundation's distribution rate. The Foundation Board of Trustees periodically adjusts the distribution rate which is

Capital Markets Commentary (as of July 31, 2022)

Capital Markets Overview

Developed market shares gained in July as investors began to focus on the prospect of interest rate cuts next year, given signs of a slowing global economy. Growth stocks were the main beneficiaries, with strong gains in July after poor performance year-to-date. However, emerging market equities lagged amid weakness in China. Bond yields fell, meaning prices rose.

Domestic Equity Markets

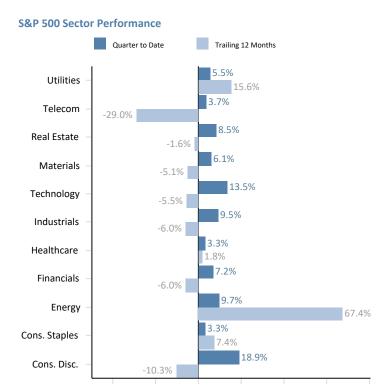
The S&P 500 index rebounded 9.2% last month, reducing the year-to-date losses to 12.5% All sectors had positive returns for the month of July. The largest detractors were Healthcare, Consumer Staples, and Telecommunications returning 3.3%, 3.3%, and 3.7%, respectively. The best performing sectors were Energy, Technology, and Consumer Discretionary returning 9.7%, 13.5%, and 18.9% respectively.

International Equity Markets

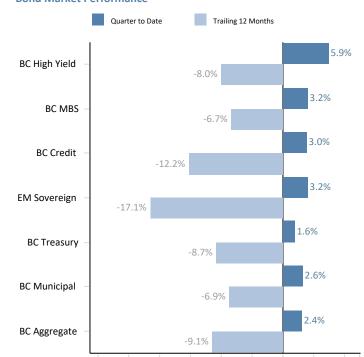
With Eurozone inflation surging to record highs and the European Central Bank indicating it will end its negative interest rate policy, European equities lost significant ground in the first half of 2022, returning -16.4% YTD for the MSCI Europe. Sharp weakness in the yen helped boost overseas earnings, limiting Japanese equity losses as July returned 5.7% for the MSCI Japan. The MSCI China index returned -9.5% as fears of lockdowns due to Covid and regulatory uncertainty regarding the tech sector negatively impacted investor sentiment. Latin American equities outperformed most emerging and developed markets returning 4.3% for the MSCI EM Latin America index.

Fixed Income Markets

Overall, Bond markets improved during the month of July. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond index returned 2.4%. The yield on the 10year Treasury declined slightly to 2.7% after closing June at 3.0%. Riskier parts of the bond market had also increased for the month. The Bloomberg High Yield index returned 5.9% in July.



Bond Market Performance



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

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