



## ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A

### Fund Overview

#### Description

The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Fund A, 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.

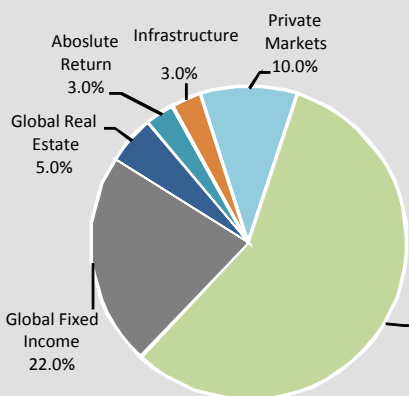
**Only ELCA-related institutions can be eligible to participate in this investment fund that is exempt from most security registration requirements in accordance with the Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995.**

#### About Performance

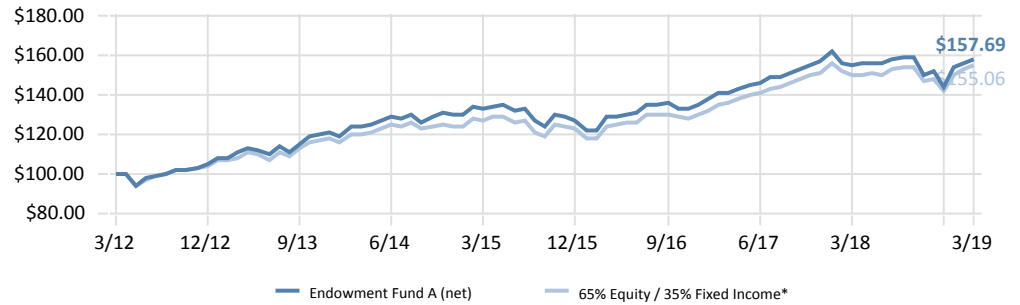
The investment results depicted herein represent historical net performance after the deduction of investment manager and custodian fees and expenses including the administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%). Prior to July 2017, the total fee was 100 basis points (1.00%). Annual, cumulative and annualized 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.**

\*Since Inception: July 1, 1999.

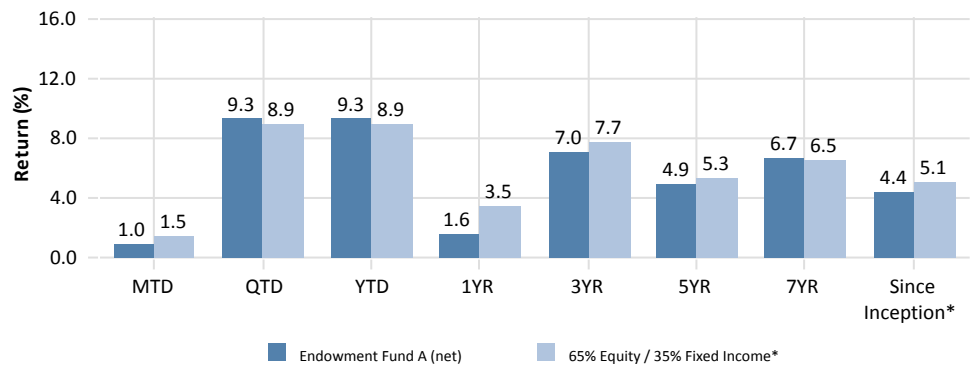
### Target Allocation



### Growth of \$100 (7 Years Performance Analysis)

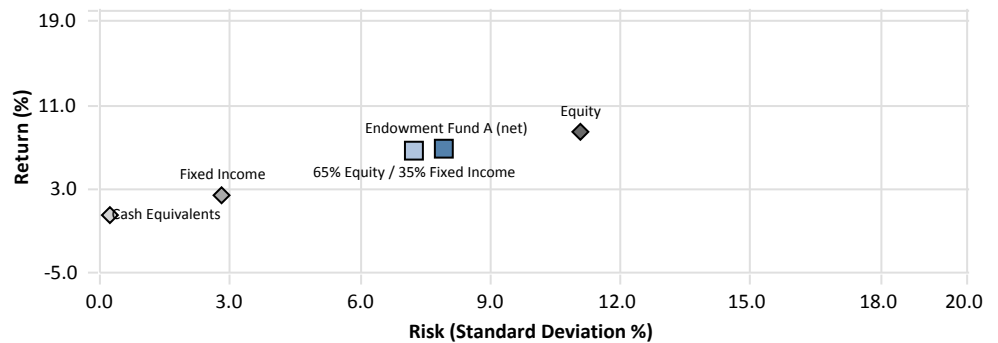


### Multi-Period Performance Analysis



	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	Since Inception*
<b>Endowment Fund A (net)</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>9.27</b>	<b>9.27</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>4.90</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>4.43</b>
65% Equity / 35% Fixed Income*	1.49	8.92	8.92	3.49	7.70	5.29	6.47	5.06

### 7 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
<b>Endowment Fund A (net)</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>7.99</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>-10.96</b>	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>1.08</b>
65% Equity / 35% Fixed Income*	6.47	7.32	0.82	-8.97	0.00	1.00

**Benchmark:** Equity - 65% MSCI All Country World Index; Fixed Income - 35% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

**Information Disclosures:** This report is intended to provide current Fund performance information for the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (the Fund). Investor participants own units of the Fund, receive quarterly account statements, and have online access to monthly performance reporting. The minimum initial investment is \$25,000, and the minimum for deposits thereafter is \$2,000. There are no charges for withdrawals, or opening or closing an account.

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## Capital Markets Commentary (as of March 31, 2019)

### Capital Markets Overview

The S&P 500 began 2019 with its best quarter since 2009 and its best start to a year since 1998. This followed its worst quarter since 2011, and in December, its worst month since February 2009. From its trough close on Christmas Eve of 2,351, the index has rallied more than 20% as of March 29th, just a mere 3.4% below its all-time high.

### Domestic Equity Markets

US equities rose in the first quarter, as the S&P 500 gained +13.65% and all of the 11 sectors finished in the black. Technology led once again, gaining +19.86%. Other outperformers included Real Estate and Industrials, which were up 17.55% and 17.20%, respectively. Healthcare was the biggest laggard, only gaining +6.66%; it was joined by financials, which only added 8.56%.

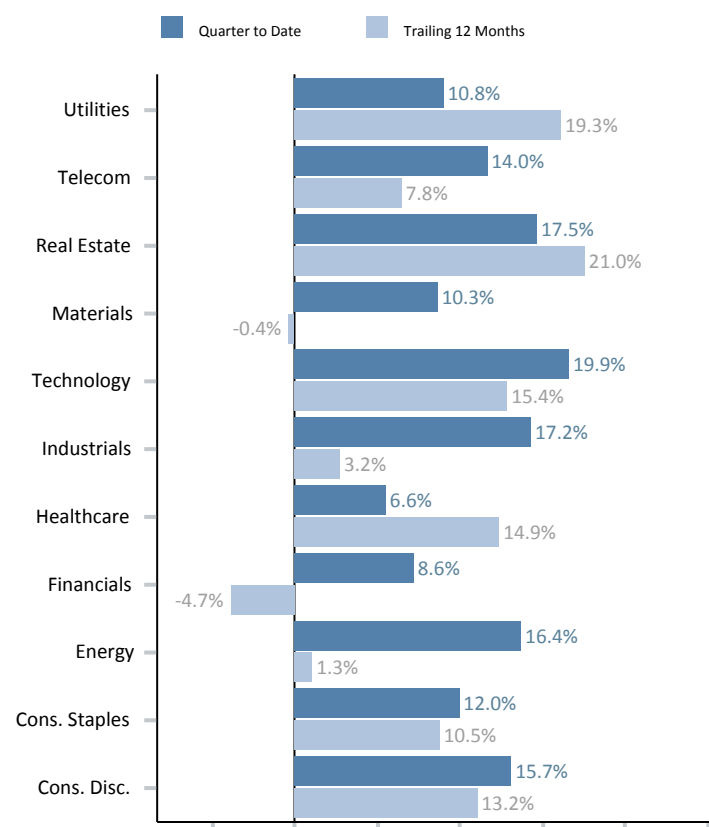
### International Equity Markets

International equities showed a similar rebound as US equities, though remain under pressure as investors weigh weakening economic data in Europe. The MSCI EAFE index added +10.13% for US-currency investors. The MSCI Europe index gained +11.00% for US-currency investors while the MSCI Japan rose +7.28%. The MSCI Emerging Markets index gained +9.95% for US-currency investors.

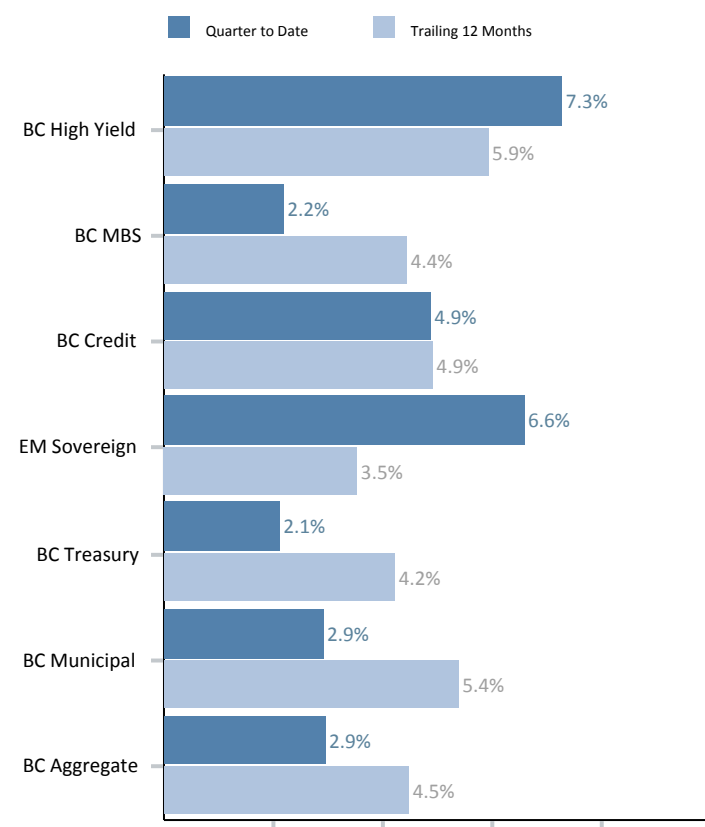
### Fixed Income Markets

The bond market posted gains in the first quarter as the Federal Reserve's dovish pivot sent bond yields lower. The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond index rose +2.94%. Interest rates fell during the quarter, as the yield on the 10-year US Treasury note dropped to a quarter-end 2.41%, down from 2.68%. Riskier parts of the bond market performed well in the first quarter as the Bloomberg Barclays High Yield index gained +7.26%.

### S&P 500 Sector Performance



### Bond Market Performance



**Sources:** FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC.

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