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

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.

THIS IS NEITHER AN OFFER TO SELL NOR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY THE SECURITIES DESCRIBED HEREIN. AN OFFERING IS MADE ONLY BY THE CONFIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, which contains details about risks, underlying investments and administration. The Confidential Disclosure Statement is available to representatives of eligible organizations by calling the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522.

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Data as of May 31, 2019
Capital Markets Commentary (as of May 31, 2019)

Capital Markets Overview
After trending higher for most of the year to date, global equity markets reversed course in May while bonds rallied. Geopolitical news dominated headlines as the US announced it would proceed with tariff increases on Chinese imports. Rates on US Treasuries dropped across the board, including a second yield curve inversion on the year, which pushed bond prices higher.

Domestic Equity Markets
US equities fell during the month of May as the S&P 500 dropped -6.4%. All but 1 of the 11 sectors in the S&P finished in the red for the month. Real Estate was the single positive sector with a +1.2% return. Energy continued to be the biggest detractor posting a -11.1% decline, followed by Technology (-8.7%), Materials (-8.2%), and Industrials (-7.8%).

International Equity Markets
International equities also declined in May, but outperformed their domestic counterparts. The MSCI EAFE index fell -4.8% for US-currency investors. The MSCI Europe index dropped -5.5% for US-currency investors while the MSCI Japan declined -4.0%. The MSCI Emerging Markets index fell the most posting a -7.3% drop for US-currency investors.

Fixed Income Markets
Bond markets rallied in the month of May. The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond index rose +1.8%, (treasuries gained +2.4% and credit gained +1.5%). Riskier parts of the bond market saw a slight correction and fell -1.2% as indicated by the Bloomberg Barclays High Yield index.

Sources: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC.
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