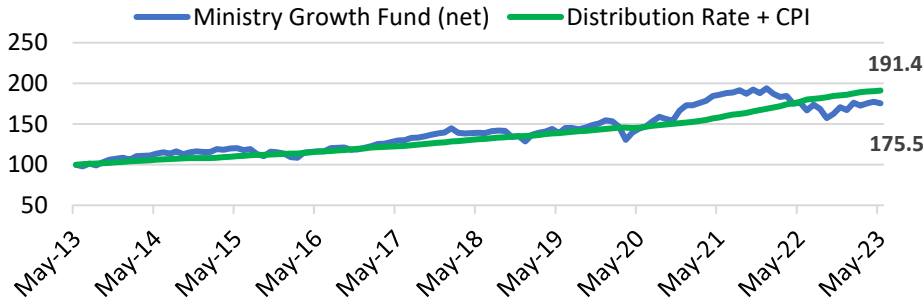


# MINISTRY GROWTH FUND<sup>1</sup>

Data as of May 31, 2023

## Growth of \$100 (10 Years Performance Analysis)<sup>2</sup>



## Fund Overview

### DESCRIPTION

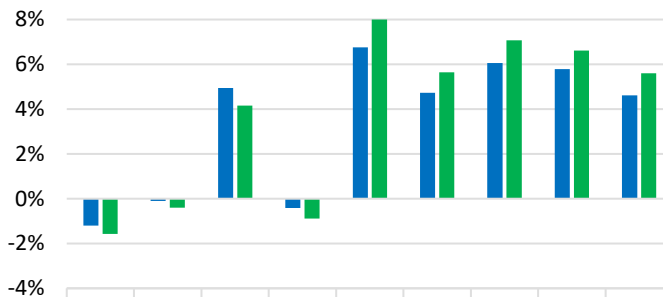
The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Ministry Growth Fund, or the Fund), was established to allow for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), its congregations, synods, seminaries and other eligible affiliated entities. To the extent 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

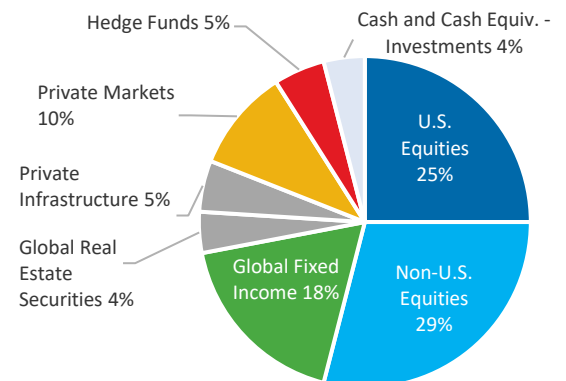
The investment results depicted herein represent historical net performance after the deduction of investment manager and custodian fees and expenses as well as the Foundation's administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%). Refer to the Disclosure Statement for total fees and expenses. Prior to July 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.**

## Multi-Period Performance Analysis

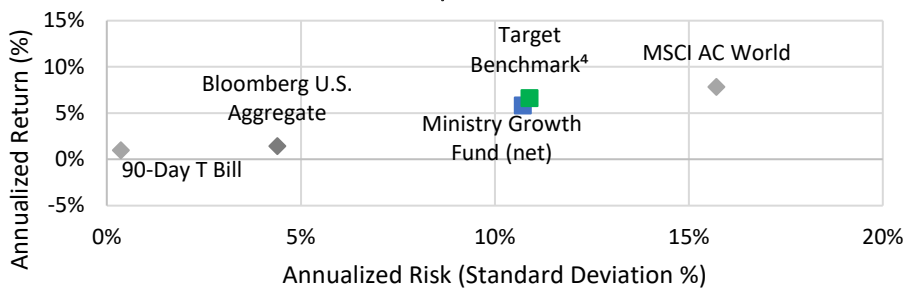


	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	Since 7/99
Ministry Growth Fund (net)	-1.2%	-0.1%	4.9%	-0.4%	6.8%	4.7%	6.1%	5.8%	4.6%
Target Benchmark	-1.6%	-0.4%	4.2%	-0.9%	8.2%	5.6%	7.1%	6.6%	5.6%

### TARGET ALLOCATION<sup>3</sup>



## 10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



	Standard Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
Ministry Growth Fund (net)	5.8	10.7	0.5	-18.9	-0.9	1.0
Target Benchmark <sup>4</sup>	6.6	10.9	0.5	-17.3	0.0	1.0

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

<sup>2</sup>The **Distribution Rate + CPI** 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 currently set at 4.0%.

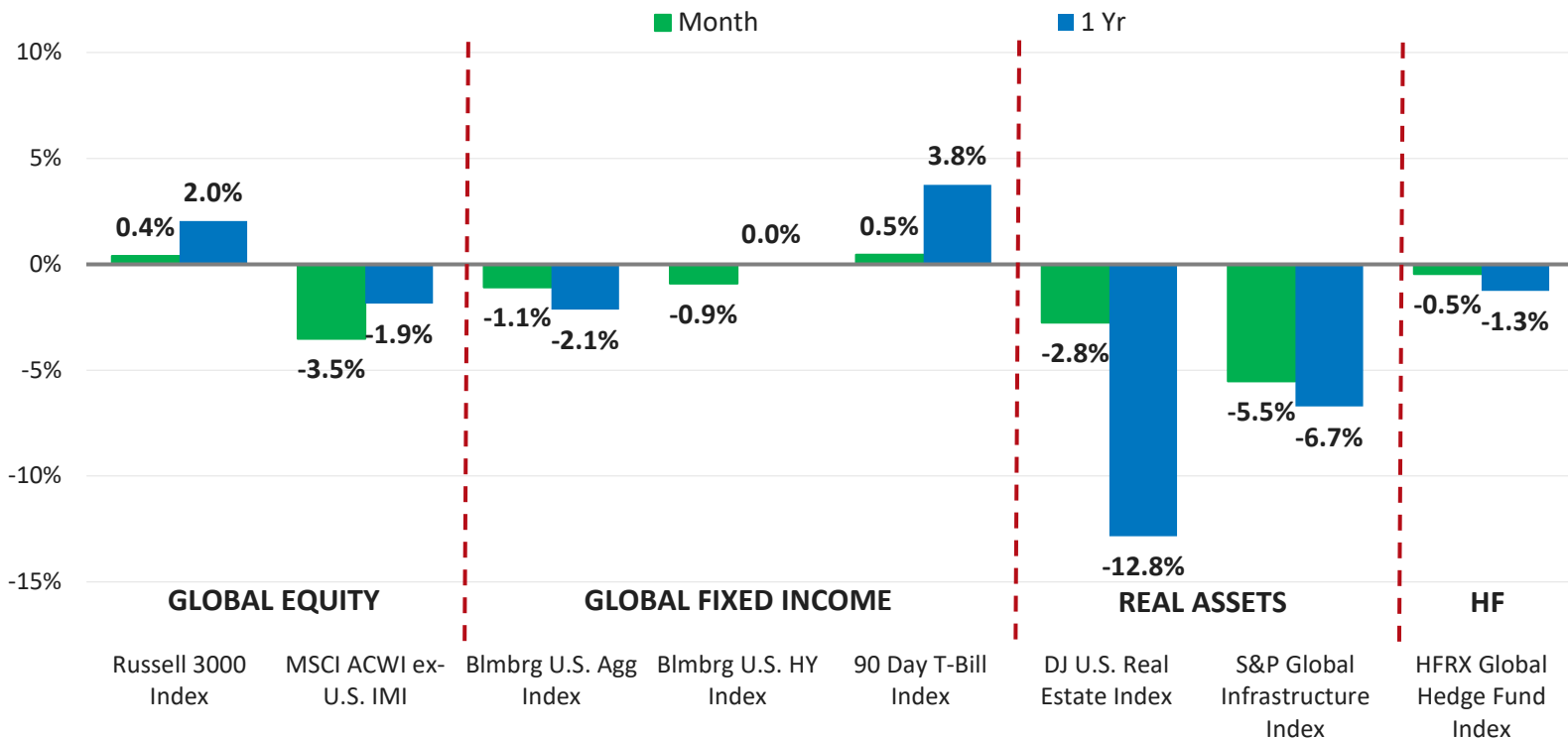
<sup>3</sup>Approved by the ELCA Foundation Board of Trustees on September 20, 2019.

<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 GIB 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. Target Benchmark allocation is static and based on the SAA as of September 2019. From July 2017 to September 2019, the Target Benchmark was comprised of: Russell 3000 index (27%), MSCI ACWI x USA IMI index (30%), Portico Fixed Income Benchmark (8.5%), Portico High Yield Benchmark (8.5%), FTSE Portico Inflation Linked index (5%), Portico Real Estate Benchmark (5%), HFRX Global Hedge Funds index (3%), S&P Global Infrastructure index (3%), and Cambridge Private Equity index (10%). Historical benchmark returns prior to July 2017 have been provided by Portico Benefit Services.

## CAPITAL MARKETS COMMENTARY As of 5/31/2023

Performance across the financial markets was predominantly negative in May, with global investors and market participants on edge amid mounting debt ceiling uncertainty. Ultimately a deal was struck, culminating in the passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act on June 3.

- Global equity returns fell slightly in May as the U.S. debt ceiling issue negatively impacted equity markets. Still, U.S. equity market returns strongly outperformed non-U.S. markets, primarily due to the top-heavy, market-weighted index construction of the Russell 3000. Growth outperformed value by almost 7%, led by large cap technology stocks.
- Fixed income performance in May was overwhelmingly negative, as interest rates and credit risk premiums rose, pressuring rate-sensitive and credit-sensitive sectors lower. Conversely, proposed legislation at the end of the month to suspend the debt ceiling through January 2025 caused short-dated Treasury bill yields to rally. Ultimately a deal was struck, culminating in the passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act on June 3.
- Real estate returns were negative across geographies in May. REITs continued to feel the pain of elevated interest rates and were materially impacted by concerns about the possibility of the U.S. government defaulting on its debt. All global listed infrastructure sectors posted negative performance in May, as looming recession concerns continue to weigh on the sector.
- Hedge funds (shown as HF in the chart below), representing strategies that are generally uncorrelated with broader equity and fixed income markets, were slightly negative for the month. Hedged equity returns were relatively flat, consistent with U.S. equity returns, but most of the other main diversifying strategies were negative.



### DISCLOSURES:

**Sources for Capital Markets Data and Commentary:** FactSet, Lipper, FEG. The underlying data has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but no guarantee made to their accuracy and any such information may be incomplete or condensed. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This evaluation is for informational purposes only. Also note, investors cannot invest directly in an index.

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