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

## **Fund Overview**

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

#### Description

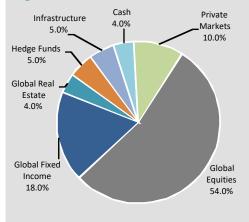
The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Ministry Growth Fund, or the Fund), was established to allow for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), its congregations, synods, seminaries and other eligible affiliated entities. To the extent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

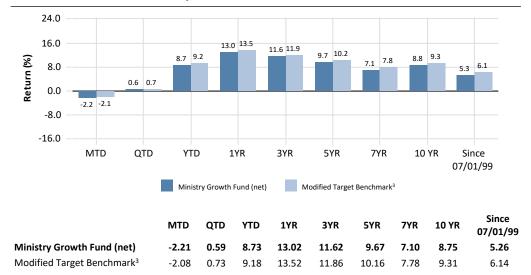
The investment results depicted herein represent historical net performance after the deduction of investment manager and custodian fees and expenses including the administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%). Prior to July 2017, the total fee was 100 basis points (1.00%). Annual, cumulative and annualized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

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

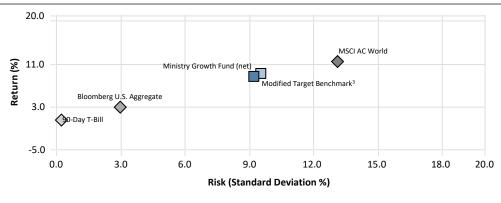


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#### **Multi-Period Performance Analysis**



### 10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
Ministry Growth Fund (net)	8.75	9.26	0.89	-15.59	-0.20	0.96
Modified Target Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	9.31	9.56	0.92	-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 Nov 1st, 2021.

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

<sup>3</sup>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.





# Capital Markets Commentary (as of November 30, 2021)

#### **Capital Markets Overview**

Markets continued the momentum from October at the start of November thanks in part to the Fed beginning their tapering of their balance sheet and positive economic sentiment, but whipsawed towards the end of November due to news of a new COVID-19 variant: Omicron. Inflation and employment remain at the forefront of the Fed's decision to start tapering and Fed Chair Powell admitted it was time to retire the term "transitory" as it relates to inflation. Disruptions in the supply chain continue and Congress moved forward with a \$1T spending bill which includes funding for infrastructure.

#### **Domestic Equity Markets**

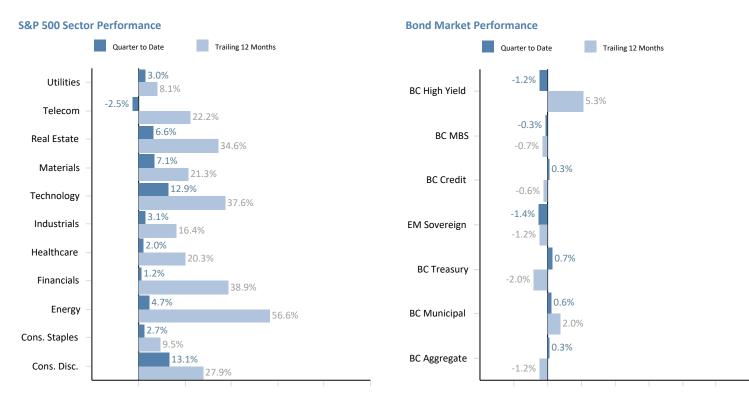
The S&P 500 returned -0.7% in November. The S&P 500 sectors were mostly negative except Technology, which reported 4.3%, and Consumer Discretionary, which reported 2.0%. Laggards for November included Financials, Energy, and Telecom which reported -5.7%, - 5.1%, and -5.2%, respectively.

#### **International Equity Markets**

International equities underperformed the U.S. in November. Developed international markets, as measured by the MSCI EAFE index, fell - 4.7% for U.S. currency investors. The MSCI Europe index fell -5.1%, Japanese equities fell -2.5% per the MSCI Japan Index. Emerging market equity markets, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets index, fell -4.1%.

#### Fixed Income Markets

Overall Bond markets were mixed during November. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond index increased 0.3% over the period. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose as high as 1.7%, but closed at 1.5% as demand rose towards the end of the month. Riskier parts of the bond market had negative returns for the month. The Bloomberg High Yield index fell -1.0% in November.



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

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