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ELCA  
Ministry **Growth** Fund

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*Supporting ministry  
for generations to come*

The Ministry Growth Fund of the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust is a long-term, stable and socially responsible endowment fund that provides distributions to grow ministry, now and well into the future. The fund was designed specifically for congregations, synods, campus ministries and other affiliates of the ELCA. The fund also manages the endowment funds of the ELCA and hundreds of donors who have established perpetual named endowments with the ELCA Foundation.



# How the Fund works

## BEGINNING BALANCE AND DEPOSITS

A minimum initial investment of \$25,000 is needed to establish an account. Deposits of \$2,000 or more may be made at any time and will be credited to your account balance at the previous month's unit value. There is no fee for opening an account or for making deposits.

## MANAGEMENT FEE

The management fee, based on the Ministry Growth Fund's net asset value, is paid monthly to the trustee on the last business day of each month. The management fee includes investment fees and an administrative fee of 60 basis points. Estimated total fees are available in the confidential disclosure statement.

## QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTIONS

The Ministry Growth Fund issues quarterly payments based on an annual distribution percentage. These payments are made on the last business day of each calendar quarter (March, June, September and December). Ministry Growth Fund investors may choose to have their quarterly payments reinvested or distributed.

## WITHDRAWALS

An organizational investor may request a withdrawal. The minimum withdrawal amount is \$2,000. There is no withdrawal fee. Withdrawals will be processed and calculated using the previous month's unit value.

# Benefits of Participation

**LONG-TERM MINISTRY GROWTH** Your investment in the Ministry Growth Fund is more than just a financial transaction. In alignment with our Lutheran theology, your investment goes to work across the ELCA, in your own congregation and throughout the world — providing a steady funding source for the Lutheran ministries that matter most to you, now and well into the future.

**STABILITY AND SUCCESS** Guided by a team of financial experts and strengthened by our partnerships with other Lutheran organizations, the Ministry Growth Fund generates stable, quarterly distributions that allow you to build a vision for the future of your congregation or organization.

**SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING** The Ministry Growth Fund is the only endowment fund that follows ELCA guidelines for socially responsible investing, which discourage investment in companies that profit from goods and services that don't align with our Lutheran values. They also provide guidance in advocating for positive social and environmental changes in public companies.

**DEDICATED GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT** Your participation in the Ministry Growth Fund will be established and guided by your regional gift planner. This dedicated partner will provide expert insight, guidance and resources — alongside the ELCA Foundation's endowment management services — to help your congregation or organization achieve its charitable-giving goals. Through intentional, customized interactions, your gift planner will ensure that your investments align with your passion and your purpose.

**STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY** The Ministry Growth Fund is a sophisticated investment tool with ministry at its heart. Our fund structure allows participants to benefit from the same market opportunities regardless of their investment size while realizing lower regulatory reporting costs overall. Because the ELCA Foundation seeks to be the best steward of your investment, fund performance is reported monthly. This allows us to further minimize fees associated with fund participation and ensure the greatest financial impact to benefit ELCA ministries.

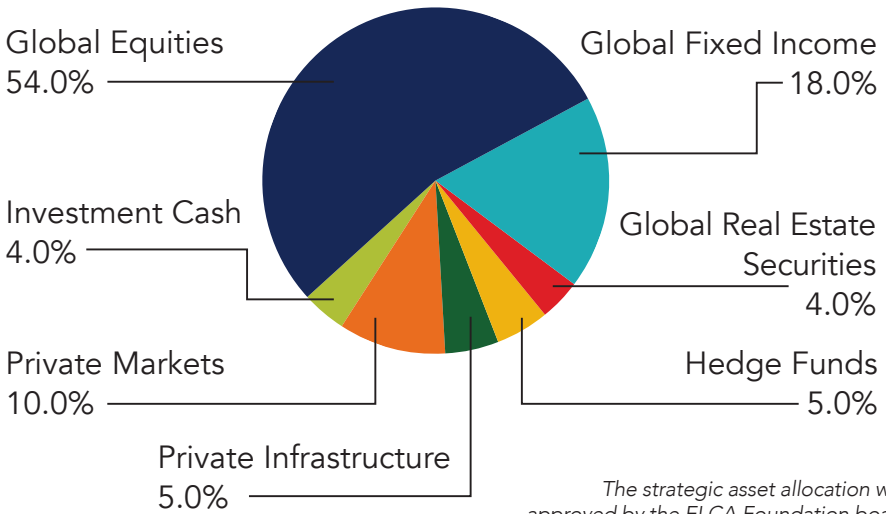
“Our congregation made a courageous decision to create an endowment fund with the assistance of the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest and the ELCA Foundation. We were blessed with a gift from longtime members, and the fund stayed intact and endured despite massive destruction from a hurricane and the need for funds to assist with restoration.”

Marta Durham

Faith Lutheran Church, Dickinson, Texas

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# Target Asset Allocation



*The strategic asset allocation was approved by the ELCA Foundation board of trustees on Sept. 20, 2019.*

## Asset Breakdown

Endowment gifts to churchwide ministries

**49%**

Congregations

**32%**

Other Lutheran organizations

**10%**

Synods

**9%**

# Participation in the Ministry Growth Fund

The Ministry Growth Fund of the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust was established to manage the endowment funds of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), as well as named endowments established by donors, and to allow for the collective long-term investment funds belonging to the ELCA as well as its congregations, synods, seminaries and other eligible affiliated entities. The Ministry Growth Fund is administered by the ELCA Foundation.

Only ELCA-related institutions are eligible to participate in this investment fund, which is exempt from most securities registration requirements in accordance with the Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995.





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## Disclosure Statement Availability

To receive a Confidential Disclosure Statement containing details about the Ministry Growth Fund's investments, risks and administration, call the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522. The disclosure statement includes a recent quarterly performance report, financial statements of the Ministry Growth Fund, and a set of forms, including an application form. The declaration of trust is available upon request.

Please read the disclosure statement carefully before investing. The Ministry Growth Fund is not a mutual fund, though it shares similar features — including unitization, diversification among many securities, and professional investment managers.

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