

Endowment Committee Report – 2018

Beginning and Ending Balances

Endowment Fund Balance as of 30Sep17: \$42,692.20

Endowment Fund Balance as of 30Sep18: \$45,088.45

Net Annual Gain/Loss: +\$2,396.25

Net Annual Gain/Loss, %: +5.61%

4% of the 3-Year Rolling Average as of 30Sep18: \$1,603.22

Gifts Received in 2018

none

Distributions Made in 2018

\$600 to Trustees to help pay for the Park St Landscape Plan (1 July 2018)

How Endowment Funds are Invested

Since June 2015, all Endowment Funds have been invested in the Texas Methodist Foundation (TMF) Balanced Fund, account #7777. Backed by strict investment policies and closely monitored by the TMF board of directors, TMF's Balanced Portfolio includes a mix of equities and interest earning investments:

40%	Wespath U.S. Equity Fund
25%	Wespath International Equity Fund
18%	Wespath Fixed Income Fund
7%	Wespath Inflation Protection Fund and
10%	TMF Methodist Loan Fund

The Balanced Portfolio is designed for long-term growth and income. It typically consists of permanent funds, like our Endowment Fund, with a minimum investment of \$25,000 for three years or more.

Activities in 2018

The Endowment Committee met on 24Jun18 to review investment performance and to consider a request for funding from the Trustees for the Park St Landscape project. A total of \$4800 was authorized to be transferred from the Endowment Fund to the Park St Landscape designated fund, \$600 immediately to help pay for the landscape plan and \$4200 later when needed to help cover Park St Landscape plan construction costs as they are incurred. This amount was approximately 3 years' worth of grants. No grants had been made in 2016 or 2017.

The Endowment Committee continues to monitor the Endowment Fund balance and 3-year rolling average balance on a monthly basis by distributing the monthly TMF statement to committee members. We have benefitted by the general run-up in the stock market and a general increase in US economic growth following the election in November of 2016. Growth during 2018 has been more moderate than in 2017, but still nicely positive even with the \$600 grant which was made in July.

List of Officers and Committee Members for 2018

- Glenda Morrison – Endowment Committee Co-Chair (also Finance Committee Chair)
- Neil Howard – Endowment Committee Co-Chair (also President of Trustees)
- Peter Castles – Senior Pastor
- Terry Adams – term expires in 2020
- Billy Dubler – term expires in 2018
- Carol Steussy – term expires in 2019
- Steve Howard – Church Council president, ex-officio member

Plans for the Coming Year (2019)

The Endowment Committee will continue to monitor the Endowment Fund balance on a monthly basis by distributing the monthly statement to committee members. We will also need to replace members whose terms will expire or who have left the congregation. We also plan to transfer the remaining \$4200 granted to the Trustees for the Park Street landscaping project. This will affect the annual Endowment Fund net gain/loss in 2019.

Neil M. Howard
Endowment Committee Co-Chair, 2016-2018
9 October 2018

