

Endowment Committee Report – 2019

Beginning and Ending Balances

Endowment Fund Balance as of 30Sep18: \$45,088.45
Endowment Fund Balance as of 30Sep19: \$47,347.73
Net Annual Gain/Loss, \$: +\$2,259.28
Net Annual Gain/Loss, %: +5.01%
4% of the 3-Year Rolling Average as of 30Sep19: \$1,748.25

Gifts Received in 2019

- \$5,033 received 8Nov18

Distributions Made in 2019

- \$4,200 to Trustees to help pay for the Park St Frontage Landscape project (1 Mar19) (this grant was originally authorized in 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 (as of 30Jun19):

36.0% Wespath U.S. Equity Fund
30.1% Wespath International Equity Fund
18.2% Wespath Fixed Income Fund
1.2% Wespath Inflation Protection Fund and
14.4% 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 2019

The Endowment Committee completed its action originally authorized on 24Jun18, by providing the remaining \$4,200 portion of the Park Street Frontage landscaping grant on 1Mar19.

The Endowment Committee met on 22Sep19 to consider a request for a grant from the Trustees and Finance Committee for a church trailer and also to review investment performance. A maximum of \$1,500 was authorized to be transferred from the Endowment Fund to the General fund for this purchase. The trailer ended up costing \$1,750, but there was a \$1,500 donation for the trailer from a member, so the net Endowment Fund grant will only be \$250. We expect that this grant will be withdrawn in October 2019.

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. Growth during 2019 has been more moderate than in 2018, but still positive even with the \$4,200 grant which was made in March, 2019.

List of Officers and Committee Members for 2019

- 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
- Stephanie Talley – term expires in 2019
- David Gibbs – term expires in 2021
- Steve Howard – Church Council president, ex-officio member

Plans for the Coming Year (2020)

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 consider grant requests that arise during 2020. We will also need to replace two members whose terms will expire or who have left the congregation.

Neil M. Howard
Endowment Committee Co-Chair, 2016-2019
9 October 2019

