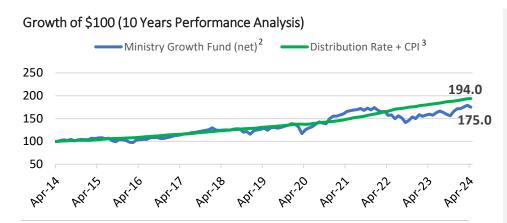
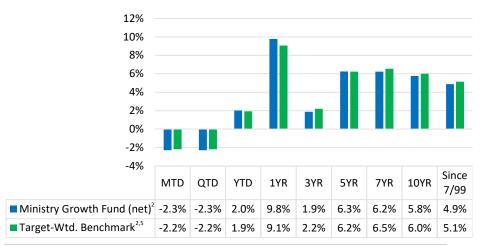




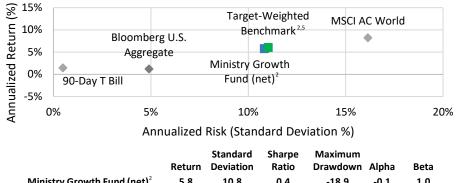
# MINISTRY GROWTH FUND<sup>1</sup>



# **Multi-Period Performance Analysis**



## 10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



|  | Return | Deviation | Ratio | Drawdown | Alpha | Beta |
|--|--------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|------|
| Ministry Growth Fund (net) <sup>2</sup>  | 5.8    | 10.8      | 0.4   | -18.9    | -0.1  | 1.0  |
| Target-Weighted Benchmark <sup>2,5</sup> | 6.0    | 11.0      | 0.4   | -17.3    | 0.0   | 1.0  |

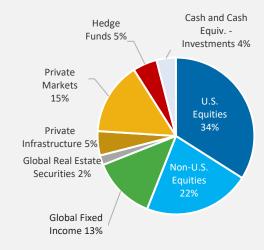
#### Data as of April 30, 2024

## **Fund Overview**

#### DESCRIPTION

The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust's Ministry Growth Fund (the Fund) was established to allow for the collective, longterm 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 ELCA 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.

## **TARGET ALLOCATION<sup>4</sup>**



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<sup>1</sup>The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust's ELCA Endowment Fund "A" was renamed the Ministry Growth Fund, effective November 1, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>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. Starting July 1, 2017, the investment results presented here reflect historical net performance after deducting both investment management fees and expenses, as well as the ELCA Foundation's administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%). The target-weighted benchmark also includes this 60 basis points administrative fee to ensure a direct comparison of investment performance. Prior to July 1, 2017, the ELCA Foundation's administrative fee was an all-inclusive 100 basis points (1.00%), covering both investment management and administrative fees and expenses. For this earlier period, the administrative fee was estimated at 70 basis points and was deducted from the target-weighted benchmark. *Past performance is not a guarantee of future results*.

<sup>3</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>4</sup>Target allocation approved by the ELCA Foundation Board of Trustees on April 1, 2024.

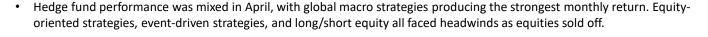
<sup>5</sup>The index composition of the **Target-Weighted Benchmark** is currently comprised of: Russell 3000 (33.6%), MSCI ACWI xUSA IMI (22.4%), Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate (8%), Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Ba/B 1% Issuer Cap (5%), DJ U.S. Select Real Estate Securities (1.2%), DJ Glb xUSA Select Real Estate Securities (0.8%), HFRX Global Hedge Funds (5%), S&P Global Infrastructure (5%), Cambridge U.S. Private Equity (15%), and the FTSE 90 Day T-Bill (4%) indices. The benchmark is rebalanced on a monthly basis. Please refer to the Quarterly Report for historical benchmark information, available at elca.org/Give/ELCA-Foundation/Services-for-Congregations/Performance.

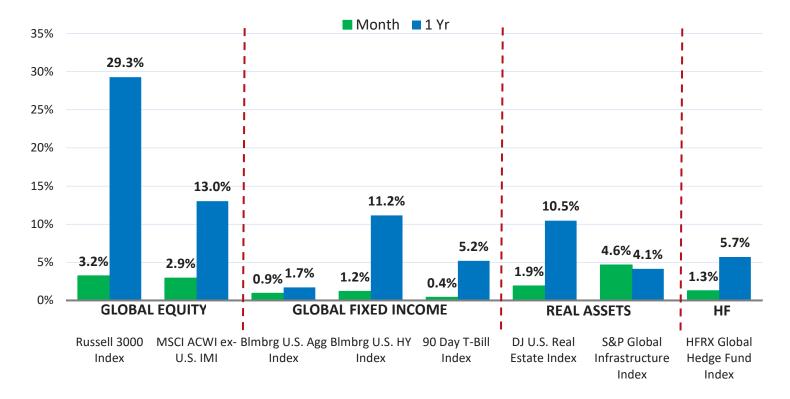


# CAPITAL MARKETS COMMENTARY As of 4/30/2024

Upside inflationary surprises helped drive a pullback across the financial markets in April, as interest rates and the U.S. dollar (USD) climbed higher amid a further reduction in the bond market's expectations for Federal Reserve (Fed) easing in 2024.

- U.S. equities witnessed notable downward pressure over the month, driven by expectations for fewer rate cuts and missed earnings results, particularly among the U.S. Magnificent 7. Although still negative, non-U.S. equities faired better with emerging market equities posting relatively solid performance and Europe's own "Magnificent 7" (Novo Nordisk, ASML, Schneider Electric, Safran, LVMH, Hermes, and Ferrari) leading returns.
- Bonds suffered in April after a nearly 50 basis point increase in the yield on the 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note led to poor
  performance in interest rate-sensitive sectors, like the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Despite weakness across the bond
  market and broader risk markets during the month, credit risk premiums remained well below historical averages, contributing
  to high-yield bonds' relative outperformance in April.
- Rising interest rates negatively impacted real estate investment trusts (REIT), resulting in a decline in stock prices in April. Though not nearly to the degree of REITs, global infrastructure also generated negative returns, given several offsetting factors such as increased demand for infrastructure projects and global economic recovery.





# Market Index Returns

#### DISCLOSURES:

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