



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

### Fund Overview

#### Description

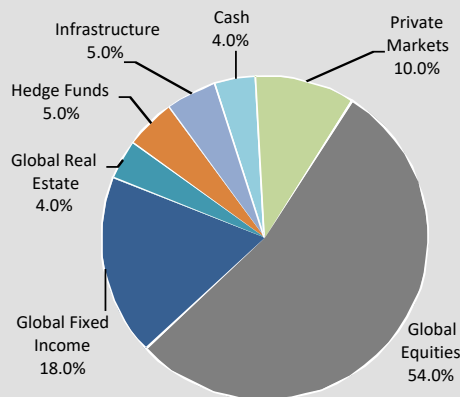
The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Ministry Growth Fund, or the Fund), was established to allow for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), its congregations, synods, seminaries and other eligible affiliated entities. To the extent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

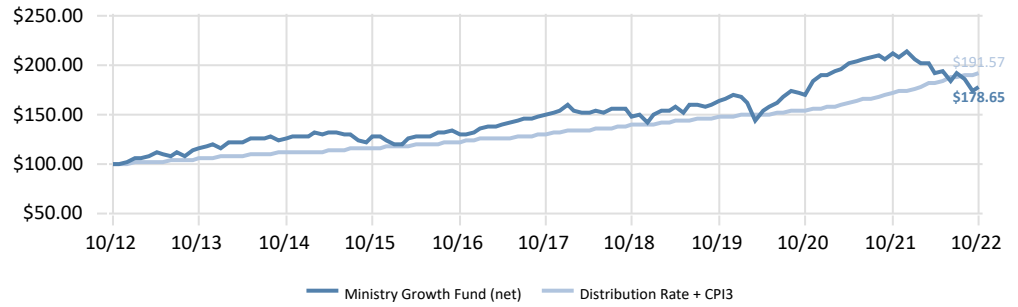
#### About Performance

The investment results depicted herein represent historical net performance after the deduction of investment manager and custodian fees and expenses as well as the Foundation's administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%). Refer to the Disclosure Statement for total fees and expenses. 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.**

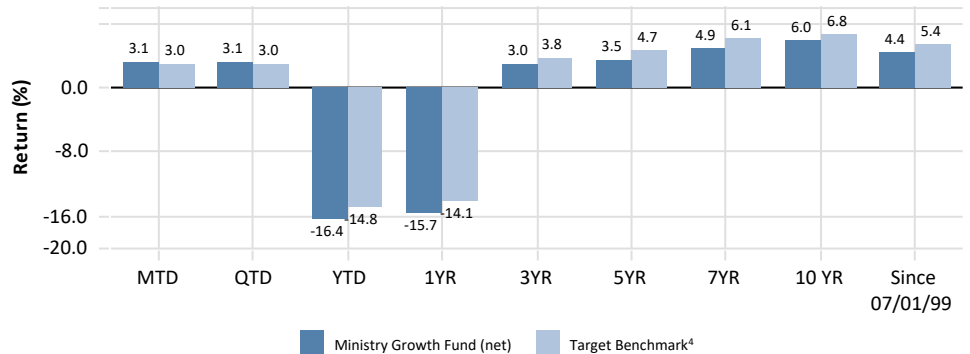
### Target Allocation<sup>2</sup>



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

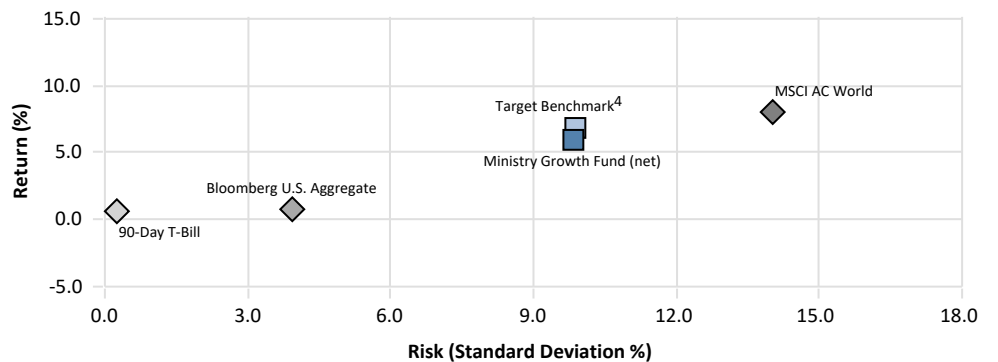


### Multi-Period Performance Analysis



	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10 YR	Since 07/01/99
<b>Ministry Growth Fund (net)</b>	<b>3.13</b>	<b>3.13</b>	<b>-16.39</b>	<b>-15.68</b>	<b>2.99</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>4.90</b>	<b>5.97</b>	<b>4.38</b>
Target Benchmark <sup>4</sup>	3.04	3.04	-14.80	-14.14	3.80	4.70	6.11	6.81	5.40

### 10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
<b>Ministry Growth Fund (net)</b>	<b>5.97</b>	<b>9.87</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>-18.93</b>	<b>-0.70</b>	<b>0.99</b>
Target Benchmark <sup>4</sup>	6.81	9.94	0.64	-17.31	0.00	1.00

1. The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A's name was changed to the Ministry Growth Fund, effective November 1, 2021.

2. Approved by the ELCA Foundation Board of Trustees on September 20, 2019.

3. 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%.

4. The **Target Benchmark** 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 GIB 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. Target Benchmark allocation is static and based on the SAA as of September 2019. From July 2017 to September 2019, the Target Benchmark was comprised of: Russell 3000 index (27%), MSCI ACWI x USA IMI index (30%), Portico Fixed Income Benchmark (8.5%), Portico High Yield Benchmark (8.5%), FTSE Portico Inflation Linked index (5%), Portico Real Estate Benchmark (5%), HFRX Global Hedge Funds index (3%), S&P Global Infrastructure index (3%), and Cambridge Private Equity index (10%). Historical benchmark returns prior to July 2017 have been provided by Portico Benefit Services.

## Capital Markets Commentary (as of October 31, 2022)

### Capital Markets Overview

After a bumpy start, stock markets ended October on a more positive footing. Geopolitical risks remained at the forefront of investors' minds, with tensions between Russia and Ukraine escalating further. However, there were some reason for optimism. Global supply chain constraints continued to ease, and European governments took further steps to dampen the impact of the energy crisis and mitigate the risks of a harsh recession.

### Domestic Equity Markets

The S&P 500 Index rose 8.1% in October, bringing year-to-date losses to -15.8%. All sectors had positive returns in October. The worst performing sectors were Telecommunications, Consumer Discretionary, and Real Estate, returning 0.1%, 0.2% and 2.0% respectively. The best performing sectors were Financials, Industrials, and Energy, returning 12.0%, 13.9%, and 25.0%, respectively.

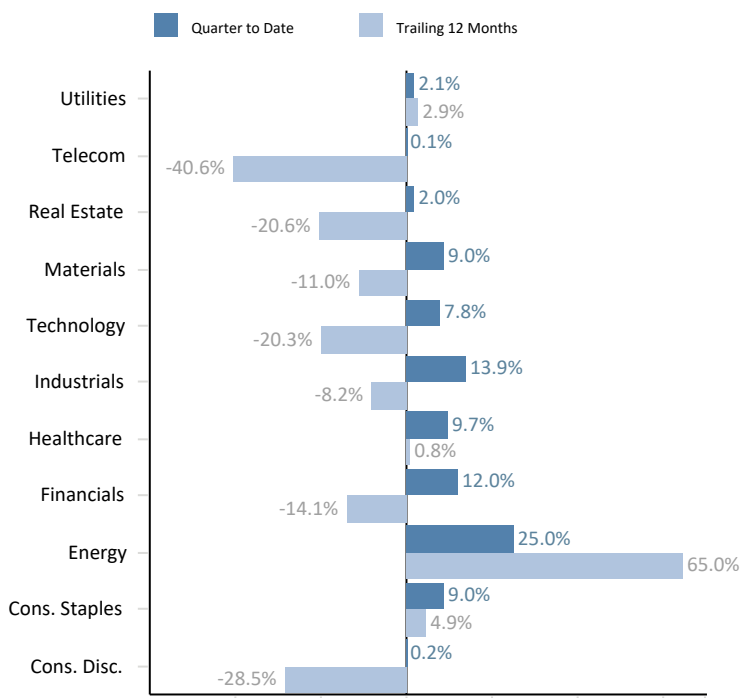
### International Equity Markets

The European Central Bank raised interest rates by a further 75 basis points and acknowledged that the eurozone economy may be heading for recession. Markets took that statement as a sign that the pace of rate rises could soon ease. Preliminary data showed that the eurozone economy continued to grow in Q3, with an expansion of 0.2% quarter-on-quarter after 0.8% growth in Q2. The MSCI EAFE index returned 5.4%, the MSCI Europe index returned 7.2%, the MSCI Japan index returned 3.0%, and Emerging Markets indexed returned -3.1%.

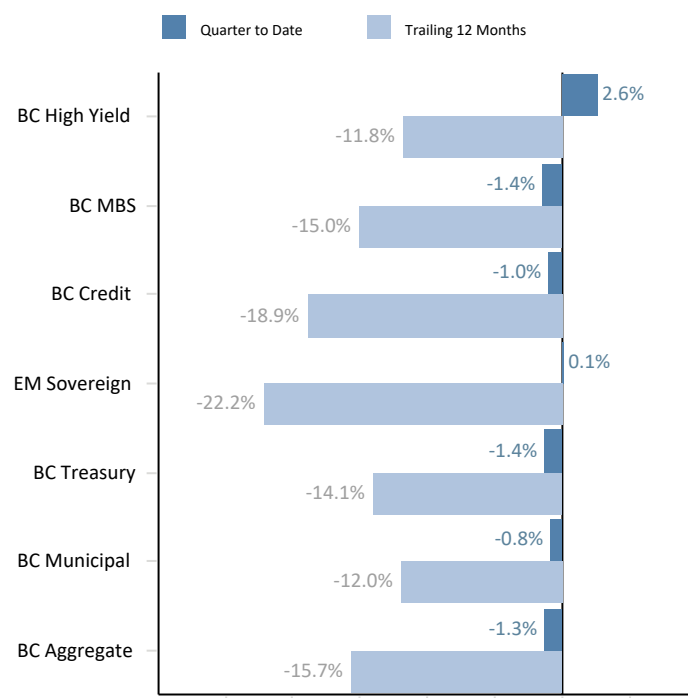
### Fixed Income Markets

Overall, bond markets trended negative in October. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond index decreased 1.3% bringing year-to-date losses to -15.9%. The yield on the 10-year Treasury closed at 4.1% in October, up from 3.8% at the end of September. Riskier parts of the bond market also increased for the month. The Bloomberg High Yield index increased 2.6% in October.

### S&P 500 Sector Performance



### Bond Market Performance



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

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