



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Your Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation is currently managing over \$80 million in assets for United Methodist churches and institutions of this Conference. In addition to our churches, individual donors who wish to benefit their favorite United Methodist ministry have taken advantage of the investment opportunities that the Foundation offers. The Foundation seeks to match investor objectives with the strategy that will provide maximum returns with a high regard for safety.

In 1990, the Foundation began offering three different investment funds to participants. Under the guidance of the Foundation's capable Investment Committee, the funds were established with specific objectives, goals and parameters for investing. This gives our churches, institutions and donors the ability to create a custom investment plan based on the needs and goals of each participant.

In addition to the goals and guidelines for each fund, the Foundation has incorporated social screens into the Funds consistent with the United Methodist Church *Book of Discipline*. Specifically, managers are instructed to avoid investments in companies with significant revenues from tobacco, alcohol and gambling. Along with our conservative approach, this guideline makes the Foundation Common Funds unique among other investment options.

Our funds are professionally managed by a number of institutional managers and continuously reviewed by our independent consultant and our Investment Committee.

The "Common Funds" are briefly described below. If you wish to obtain further information, please contact our office.

### **EQUITY**

The objective of this fund is long-term appreciation with minimal emphasis on income. This Fund is invested in equities, convertibles, MLPs and equity alternatives listed on any of the national stock exchanges. The Investment Consultant and committee determine the asset mix.

### **INCOME**

The objective of this fund is to produce maximum income with a high regard for safety. This fund is invested in U.S. Government and Agency bonds, AAA rated mortgage backed securities, and corporate bonds rated "A" or higher.

### **BALANCED**

The objective of this fund is reasonable long-term growth as well as current income. This fund is invested in a combination of approved equities and bonds with the current target allocation at 75% equities and 25% bonds and money markets.

**Eligibility:** Investment in the United Methodist Foundation's Common Funds is limited to United Methodist churches, institutions and related organizations as well as donor established trusts naming these organizations as beneficiaries.

**Lower Fees:** Investment management fees are based on the pooled investment dollars of the Foundation, providing lower fees to the individual investment participants. As of 1/1/2016 investment manager fees averaged .21% on the Income Fund, .71% on the Equity Fund and .63% on the Balanced Fund. The Foundation receives an administrative fee of .50% for accounting and reporting back to the participants as well as administering the trust/fund directives over the long-term.

**Additional Services:** Foundation staff is available to meet with committees or donors to determine the current investment needs and develop a long-term investment plan. We offer help establishing Local Church Endowment Programs, planned giving assistance and ways to encourage bequests. We also provide leadership and/or assistance with stewardship workshops and programs. These services are at no costs to the church, organization or donor.

**Making An Investment:** Each eligible participant must complete and return a Preliminary Form. Copies of these documents are available in the Foundation office or on our website at [www.alwfumf.org](http://www.alwfumf.org). For additional information concerning these services or for wiring instructions, please contact Terri Turner (334)793-6820. Checks should be mailed to ALWF United Methodist Foundation, P. O. Box 8066, Dothan, AL 36304.

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United Methodist Foundation  
Investment Results**

**As of 09/30/2017**

	<b>Equity Fund</b>	<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	<b>Income Fund</b>	<b>ML G/C Index</b>	<b>Balanced Fund</b>	<b>Target Index</b>
2001	-12.0%	-11.9%	+7.5%	+8.4%	-4.2%	-1.6%
2002	-22.1%	-22.1%	+12.3%	+11.0%	-9.3%	-5.6%
2003	+16.5%	+28.7%	+3.2%	+4.6%	+11.4%	+16.6%
2004	+8.5%	+10.9%	+3.4%	+4.2%	+6.7%	+8.2%
2005	+3.9%	+4.9%	+2.6%	+2.5%	+3.5%	+4.8%
2006	+12.7%	+15.8%	+4.2%	+3.8%	+9.5%	+11.0%
2007	+10.3%	+5.5%	+8.0%	+7.2%	+9.7%	+6.4%
2008	-32.9%	-37.8%	+10.2%	+6.2%	-18.1%	-24.3%
2009	+31.1%	+29.0%	+2.9%	+5.2%	+19.3%	+20.8%
2010	+12.3%	+16.7%	+5.9%	+6.4%	+10.2%	+13.5%
2011	- 2.3%	-1.1%	+6.8%	+7.9%	+0.8%	+2.1%
2012	+13.5%	+16.8%	+2.9%	+4.4%	+10.2%	+12.5%
2013	+26.5%	+31.3%	-1.5%	-2.2%	+18.4%	+20.4%
2014	+7.6%	+9.3%	+3.6%	+2.0%	+6.5%	+7.1%
2015	-7.7%	-3.5%	+1.1%	+1.0%	-8.8%	-2.0%
2016	+7.8%	+12.2%	+2.1%	+1.3%	+6.3%	+8.9%
9/30/17	+14.3	+13.3	+1.8%	+1.4%	+10.3	+9.6%
<b>Since Inception</b>	<b>+8.1%</b>	<b>+8.2%</b>	<b>+5.3%</b>	<b>+4.9%</b>	<b>+7.4%</b>	<b>+7.3%</b>

\*Returns are compared to similar index numbers and gross of fees. Past results are no indication of future returns.