

**Peace UCC Foundation
2014 Annual Report**

The Peace United Church of Christ Foundation’s Endowment Fund was established by the congregation by a trust agreement in January, 1988, and is overseen by trustees elected by the congregation. In 2008 the trust was transformed into a public benefit corporation known as the “Foundation,” and new By-Laws were approved by the Congregation. Trustees are elected to staggered 3 year terms by the congregation. The trustees have the responsibility to monitor investment of the funds and set a spending formula each year, based on the average fair market value of the fund of the preceding 16 quarters. The distributions are to be used for the “operation and support of Peace United Church of Christ and its related activities.”

Five Year Financial History of the Foundation

Year	Beginning Balance	Gifts	Transfer to Gen Funds	Ending Principal Balance	Market Value
2010	125,583.72	100	7,738.14	125,683.72	180,974.05
2011	125,683.72		7,894.97	125,683.72	171,065.32
2012	125,683.72	484,519.88	11,844.21	610,203.60	689,665.31
2013	610,203.60	100	18,391.63	610,303.60	756,212.21
2014	610,303.60		24,843.18	610,303.60	774,698.57

Trustees

The current trustees are:

Terms end 12/31 of respective years

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| • Loretta Haggard (Treasurer) | 2014 |
| • Doug Cormack (Chairperson) | 2014 |
| • Bob Karr | 2015 |
| • Mickey Clarke (Secretary) | 2015 |
| • Bob Risk | 2016 |
| • Peg Sant’ Ambrogio | 2016 |

In practice Trustees continue to serve past the end of their term until their successor is elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in February.

Loretta Haggard -7 Years of Service to the Foundation

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the contribution of Loretta Haggard and thank her for her service. She has served as a faithful, contributing member for three terms, a total of 7 years. During this time she provided legal counsel as the Foundation transitioned to a public benefit entity in 2008, served as secretary and most recently as treasurer. Her counsel and support has been invaluable to the Trustees throughout her tenure.

Motion: Doug Cormack is proposed for a 3 year term as Trustee. Bob Hill is proposed for a 3 year term as Trustee.

Contribution Rate

Income from the Foundation Funds is used to support the General Fund. For 2014, the trustees set the spending rate at 4.7% of the average fair market value of the Fund over the preceding 16 quarters This formula resulted in a transfer of \$24,843.18 from the Foundation to the General Fund. This amount provided 7.7% of the 2014 church budget. The trustees have set a spending rate of 4.6% for 2015.

The purposes of using a 16 quarter rolling average are:

- a) to minimize the impact of stock market fluctuations on annual income to the church;
- b) to facilitate gradual growth in income to the church regardless of the amount or frequency of gifts; and
- c) to assist in preserving the corpus of the gifts over time.

Foundation Actions in 2014

The following activities or actions reflect the work product of the Foundation Trustees in 2014.

1. Continue to work with Moneta Group as Investment Advisor to the Foundation

Quarterly meetings with the Moneta Group advisors affirmed the 2013 decision of the Trustees to hire a professional management team to guide their management of the Endowment Fund. The Moneta Group is a Clayton, Missouri based group with over \$14 billion in assets under management. In addition to working with individual and corporate clients, Moneta also provides services to many endowment organizations like the Peace Foundation. Moneta is able to offer a range of socially responsible investment vehicles.

2. Sharing the role of the Foundation

During the visioning processes that took place this past year, the Trustees realized the need to share information about the role of the Foundation and the processes that have been established by the congregation through the Foundation Bylaws. Trustees began to have conversations with church leaders, team leaders and members of the congregation. This will be an on-going effort.

3. Increasing the Fund Assets

Trustees made the conscious decision to begin an effort to communicate the need for a healthy Foundation and share ways that members and friends of the congregation can support the church in perpetuity. A marketing sub-committee was formed to provide information about this effort. Contributions to the annual church stewardship campaign are the first priority for our congregation. Yet, members and friends can consider the many ways a legacy gift can be made to the Foundation.

4. Webpage updated

With the support of Kelly Archer, the Trustees periodically review and revise the Foundation link on the church webpage. This includes the Foundation role, Trustees, Annual Reports, Distribution Formula and most importantly the Bylaws.

5. Revision and/or development of Foundation documents and reports

The Trustees continue work on a policies and procedures to provide guidelines for current and future trustees. The Work Flow chart was updated to reflect new duties and responsibilities, quarterly financial reporting forms were developed,

Gifts and Contributions

Sharing Your Good Fortune

The main reason people make charitable gifts is to benefit the organization or individual who receives them. Yet, there is another benefit as well. It's the peace of mind and joy experienced when you make a gift, with proper planning, that can significantly help others. In some cases charitable gifts can provide valuable tax advantages which can help you retain more of your own personal assets, meaning more financial security for you- and for your loved ones.

Gifts to the Foundation will provide continued support to the ministry of our church through the annual support provided the General Fund. The annual support continues while preserving the book value of the gift. The donor(s) and God will "still be speaking" long after the contribution is made to the church.

Basic Giving Strategies

Gifts of Cash

Designating a Charity as a Life Insurance Beneficiary

Naming a Charity as a Beneficiary of Your Annuity contract or IRA/Qualified Plan Assets

Giving a Life Insurance Contract

Transferring Ownership of Investments

The Foundation Trustees encourage any member(s) or friends of the congregation to consider making a gift to the Endowment Fund. Gifts may be unrestricted or designated for a particular purpose. For more information contact one of the Trustees.