

**Peace UCC Foundation
2015 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 |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2011 | 125,683.72 | | 7,738.14 | 125,683.72 | 180,312.64 |
| 2012 | 125,683.72 | 484,519.88 | 11,976.52 | 610,203.60 | 689,665.31 |
| 2013 | 610,203.60 | 100 | 18,312.64 | 610,303.60 | 756,212.21 |
| 2014 | 610,303.60 | | 24,843.18 | 610,303.60 | 774,698.57 |
| 2015 | 610,303.60 | 115 | 31,070.60 | 610,418.60 | 738,410.00 |

Trustees

The current trustees are:

Terms end 12/31 of respective years

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| • Bob Karr | 2015 |
| • Mickey Clarke (Secretary) | 2015 |
| • Bob Risk | 2016 |
| • Peg Sant' Ambrogio | 2016 |
| • Doug Cormack (Chairperson) | 2017 |
| • Bob Hill (Treasurer) | 2017 |

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.

Motion: Bob Karr is proposed for a second 3 year term as Trustee. Mickey Clarke is proposed for a second 3 year term as Trustee.

Contribution Rate

Income from the Foundation Funds is used to support the General Fund. For 2015, the trustees set the spending rate at 4.6% of the average fair market value of the Fund over the preceding 16 quarters This formula resulted in a transfer of \$31,070.60 from the Foundation to the General Fund. This amount provided 9% of the 2015 church income. The trustees have set a spending rate of 4.5% for 2016.

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 2015

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
The Trustees continue to discuss the Foundation and its activities with church leaders and members. A brochure describing the Foundation was printed and distributed during 2015.
3. 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.
4. Successful seminar on wills and end of life planning
With the help of Moneta, a presentation on estate planning was held in October 2015. 21 church members attended. All responses to the evaluation were good, and indicated that the information was useful and on target.

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.