The Peace United Church of Christ Foundation’s Endowment Fund was established by the congregation by a trust agreement thirty years ago in January, 1988, and is overseen by trustees elected by the congregation. Twenty years later, 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.”

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Beginning Balance</th>
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<th>Transfer to Gen Funds</th>
<th>Ending Principal Balance</th>
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<td>2013</td>
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<td>33,878.77</td>
<td>613,343.6</td>
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In practice Trustees continue to serve past the end of their term until their successor is elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

**Contribution Rate**  Income from the Foundation Funds is used to support the General Fund. For 2018, the trustees set the spending rate at 4.4% of the average fair market value of the Fund over the preceding 16 quarters. This formula resulted in a transfer of $33,878.77 from the Foundation to the General Fund. This amount provided approximately 10% of the 2018 church income. The trustees affirmed the distribution rate of 4.4% for 2018.

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 2018**
The following activities or actions reflect the work product of the Foundation Trustees in 2017.

1. Continue to work with Moneta as Investment Advisor to the Foundation
   Quarterly meetings with the Moneta 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 which currently comprise about 30% of our portfolio.

2. Sharing the role of the Foundation
   The Trustees continue to discuss the Foundation and its activities with church leaders and members.

**Gifts and Contributions**

**Sharing Your Good Fortune**

The primary 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.

**Thanks.**

The Trustees acknowledge faithful and valued leadership provided by Bob Karr and Mickey Clarke, whose terms ended in 2018.

**Motion**

The trustees recommend the nomination Trudy Guinther and Ted Loucks, each for a full three year term as trustee of the Peace United Church of Christ Foundation. Terms will run from the annual meeting 2019 until the same time in 2022.