

Annual Report of the Invested Funds Committee 2017-2018

Provided by Joan Connacher, May 2018
Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua, NH

The past year has seen modest growth in our portfolio which has allowed the endowment to continue to contribute significantly to the operating budget of the church. This has allowed a proposed contribution from the unrestricted funds of **\$151,926** to the church operating budget. Income from the restricted funds is not included as they are allotted to specific items.

The committee ensures the prudent oversight of our invested funds by meeting with representatives from the US Trust Wealth Management Group division of Bank of America who manage the largest part of our endowment. We provide direction and make decisions based on our investment goals and objectives. We continued our withdrawal rate of 4.5% using 28 running quarters for the Bank of America funds for the operating budget of the church. We do not control the Balcom Trust which is managed by the TD Bank. They are required by the IRS to distribute 5%. Our two small Boutwell funds are managed by the UUA. More information about amounts is on page 2.

Socially responsible investments are an important part of our portfolio and at present comprise about 16%. This has included our investment in the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund. We have gradually increased this allocation as it has proved beneficial. We had requested information about other possible socially responsible possibilities from US Trust/Bank of America. They have offered an impressive list. We are currently reviewing more options to significantly increase our allocation to ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) investments. Our task is to ensure that continuing to increase our allocation will not adversely affect the ability to continue to support the churches goals. We will continue researching and weighing these options in the coming months.

Committee members are:

Kathy Grossman
June Haskell
Jon Lassalle
Bob Sampson
Kevin Murray – Treasurer of the Cemetery Association
Steve Ladew - Clerk
Joan Connacher – Chairperson.

Ex-officio members are:

Reverend Allison,
Lindsey Hedrick, Treasurer
David Hudson, President of the Board of Trustees

We welcome Members of the congregation at our quarterly meetings.

| Custodian | March 31, 2018 | March 31, 2017 | % of Change |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| Bank of America Restricted | \$3,791,028* <u>79,985</u> \$3,871,013 | \$3,613,394* <u>75,164</u> \$3,688,558 | 4.9% |
| TD Bank/Balcom | 262,462 | 266,662 | (-1.6%) |
| UUA/Boutwell | 31,502 | 29,347 | 7.3% |
| TOTAL | \$4,164,977 | \$3,984,567 | 4.5% |

*10.2% are Cemetery co-mingled funds

The March totals are used as they are the latest figures available. Our fiscal year ends May 31.