

**INVESTMENT REPORT
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS
THIRD QUARTER, 2017**

At the end of September the Ministry/Mission Fund balance was \$17,022,859, an increase of \$288,006 from the prior quarter. The total return for the quarter, including the authorized withdrawal of \$173,751 for the operating budget, was 2.8%.

Year-to-date the total return, including authorized withdrawals of \$521,253, was 10.3% compared to the benchmark total return of 9.6%. The Fund performed better than the benchmark due to strong equity investment performance.

As of September 30, 2017 the Fund was invested in the following:

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| Calvert Social Investment Fund – Equity | \$2,403,484.91 | |
| TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity Fund | \$3,788,624.59 | |
| Vanguard FTSE Social Index | \$4,299,800.32 | \$10,491,909.82 |
| American Baptist Foundation Endowment Fund – Bond | \$2,873,498.01 | |
| Calvert Social Investment Fund – Bond | \$3,657,451.19 | <u>\$6,530,949.20</u> |
| | | \$17,022,859.02 |

At the end of the quarter the Fund's asset allocation at 62% equities and 38% fixed income, within the Investment Policy's permitted range.

At its recent meeting the Committee reviewed the investments of each of its equity funds noting substantial variations in each fund's investment approach. While annual returns vary among the funds, each of them has good long-term performance records. This diversity in approaches is consistent with the Committee's objective of minimizing investment risk. Based upon this review and the unsettled short-term economic outlook, it was agreed to make no changes to the portfolio at this time.

The Committee reviewed and supported the 2018 regional support level of \$795,000, based upon the last 12 quarters' market values as defined in the Investment Policy.

If you have any questions about the Fund and its investments, please contact Committee members, Gary Diffendaffer or Marc Wallace. At the end of September I am no longer a member of this Committee.

Anne Mills for the
ABCRM Investment Committee