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Endowment Trustees Report

 $(Long\text{-}Term\ Investment/Endowment\ Fund)$

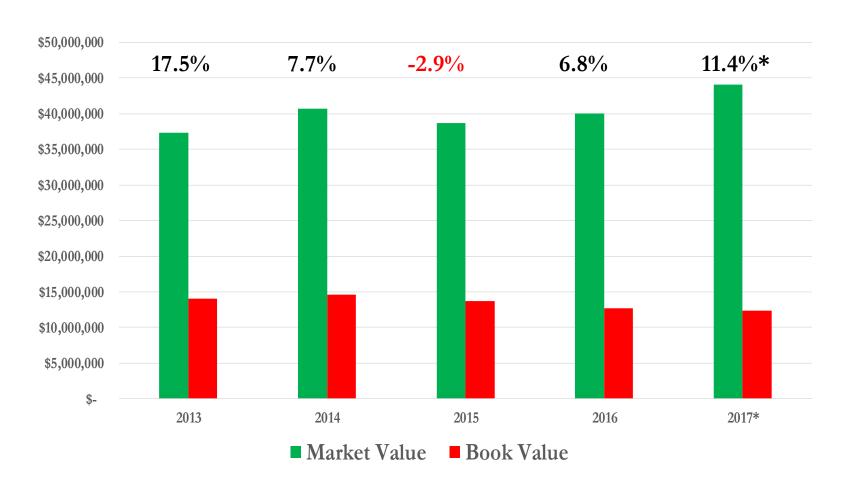
Rod Hersberger – Senior Trustee Susan Hildreth - Treasurer Thursday – October 26, 2017 Saturday – October 28, 2017



Salient Points Impacting the Market

- US economy continues to grow at a slow but steady pace
- US Corporate earnings still strong
- The breadth of the global economic expansion continues to strengthen, as non-US stocks outperform American stocks
- New record highs set multiple times by most major markets in 2017* S&P 500 (39x), Dow Industrial Average (55x), NASDAQ (50x) and Russell 2000 (21x)
- The new highs stirs concerns over the high value of the market (overvalued)
- Bull market is now in its eight year
- Increased political tensions between the US and North Korea
- Fallout over the response to protests in Charlottesville, VA
- The impacts from multiple hurricanes and forest fires in the West

Market Value and Return @ 9-30-17 \$44,120,383



Manager Allocation and Style

<u>Manager</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>%</u>
Clearbridge ESG - Large Cap Core	\$ 8,224,164	18.6%
Merrill Lynch Personal Advisor - (MLPA*)	\$ 22,683,636	51.4%
The Endowment Fund/KKR/Blackstone/ JLL - Alternatives	\$ 3,158,689	7.2%
Capital Group - International	\$ 2,026,342	4.6%
Equity Income & Growth - ETF	\$ 8,027,552	<u>18.9%</u>
Total	\$ 44,120,383	100.0%

^{*}MLPA is a platform under which ALA can access different managers of various investing styles in the form of mutual funds and ETF's - 9 managers.

World Market Performance

- Calendar Year Market Returns @ 9-30-17



Time Weighted Rate of Return

		Opening	Co	ontributions		Interest		Appreciation		Closing	ROR*	ROR*
		<u>Balance</u>	<u>(W</u>	<u>/ithdrawals)</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Dividends</u>	(Depreciation)		<u>Balance</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
September – 2017	\$	43,536,279	\$	0	\$	103,172	\$	480,932	\$	44,120,383	1.37%	11.35%
August – 2017	\$	43,277,340	\$	0	\$	61,065	\$	197,874	\$	43,536,279	0.60%	9.85%
July – 2017	\$	42,554,548	\$	0	\$	66,054	\$	656,738	\$	43,277,340	1.70%	9.19%
June – 2017	\$	42,306,812	\$	0	\$	105,493	\$	142,243	\$	42,554,548	0.59%	7.37%
May – 2017	\$	41,865,026	\$	0	\$	66,766	\$	375,019	\$	42,306,812	1.06%	6.74%
April – 2017	\$	41,279,087	\$	0	\$	54,594	\$	531,345	\$	41,865,026	1.42%	5.63%
March – 2017	\$	41,153,883	\$	0	\$	97,058	\$	28,146	\$	41,279,087	0.31%	4.15%
February – 2017	\$	40,347,834	\$	0	\$	46,492	\$	759,556	\$	41,153,883	2.02%	3.83%
January – 2017	<u>\$</u>	40,016,349	\$	(379,787)**	\$	24,100	\$	687,173	<u>\$</u>	40,347,834	<u>1.78%</u>	<u>1.78%</u>
Tot	al \$	40,016,349	\$	(379,787)	\$	624,795	\$	3,859,026	\$	44,120,383	NA	11.35%

^{*}Rate of Return

^{**}Quarterly settlement between the General Fund, the units of ALA and the portfolio i.e. scholarships, awards etc.

The Work of the Endowment Trustees

Recent Trustee Actions

- Conducted the Trustees fall meeting in the ALA Washington Office
 - Met with Executive Director Kathi Kromer
 - Highlighted the importance of endowment performance and funding to their work
- Continued to explore the merits of "Smart Beta" and its use in the portfolio to enhance returns
- Met with State Street Global Advisors to discuss the merits of using ESG Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) funds
- Met with the Common Fund to discuss benchmarking,
 "Best Practices" and strategic planning
- Started preliminary discussions for a strategic planning session(s) for the future of the endowment fund

- Reduced the equity portion of the portfolio from 68% to 63% and reallocated to fixed income
- Increased the alternative allocation by Selling Lord Abbett Floating Rate fund (4.4%) and hiring AQR Long/Short equity fund (4.4%), a liquid mutual fund
- Hired Calvert Investments to manage the Calvert Short Duration ESG Fixed Income fund (5.0%)



Calvert Short Duration Income ESG* bond fund.

Calvert Investments was established in 1976 with the primary focus to deliver on what it calls the four pillars of responsible investing - financial performance, superior research, shareholder engagement** and inclusive prosperity and impact. Their experience has found that companies with positive environmental, social and governance attributes are more likely to outperform their peers over the long term. As a result of their approach to investing their returns are very comparable to non ESG (SRI) portfolios.

- Impacting investing
- Approximately \$10.2 billion under management
- A legacy of specialized ESG expertise starting in 1976
- Employs a dedicated proprietary ESG integration program ratings system
- Combines active management with active advocacy (ownership) via direct engagement and proxy voting
- Combined ESG funds now account for approximately 23.6% of the portfolio

^{**}Shareholder engagement speaks to Calvert's commitment to actively engage with companies on behalf of their investors with a focus on ESG.

^{*}Environmental, Social and Governance.