The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish Episcopal Church Endowment Fund. Policies and Guidelines

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ENABLING RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, COPLEY PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH MARYLAND, USA

- 1 WHEREAS, Christian stewardship involves the faithful management of all of God's gifts time,
- 2 talent, the created world, and money, including accumulated, inherited and appreciated assets;
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- 4 WHEREAS, Christians can give to the work of the Church through a variety of gift vehicles, in
- 5 addition to cash, including bequests in wills, life income gifts, annuities, trusts, life insurance
- . 6 policies, real estate, securities and other assets; and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire of this parish to encourage, receive and administer these gifts in a
- 8 manner faithful to the loyalty and devotion to God expressed by the donors and in accord with
- 9 the canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Maryland and the policies of this Parish:
- 10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Parish, through action of its Vestry, establishes a
- new and separate fund to be known as "The Endowment Fund" (hereafter called the "FUND") of
- 12 The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish Episcopal Church, Bridge and Anchor Drives,
- 13 Joppa, Maryland, USA.
- 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the FUND¹ is to enable the PARISH to fulfill
- its mission more completely by developing its ministries beyond what is possible through its
- annual operating funds. Distributions from the fund therefore shall be limited to: (i) capital
- improvements of the PARJSH; (ii) outreach ministries and grants; (iii) seed money for new
- ministries and special one-time projects; (iii) perpetual care of the cemetery; (v) such other
- in instruction and special one time projects, (ii) perpetual cure of the connectity, (v) such other
- 19 purposes as are specifically designated by donors to the PARISH whose gifts are included in the
- 20 FUND; and (vi) operating expenses subject to the limitations described in Section 13.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE (hereafter called
- 22 the "COMMITTEE") is hereby established. The COMMITTEE shall have oversight
- responsibility of the FUND and its composition and duties are described in the following "Plan
- of Operation," which may be amended from time to time (see paragraph 13).

PLAN OF OPERATION

1. Composition of the COMMITTEE

- 25 The COMMITTEE shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) regular
- 26 members², all of whom shall be members in good standing of The Church of the
- 27 Resurrection, Copley Parish Episcopal Church. They shall be appointed by the Vestry.
- Additionally, the Rector and Rector's Warden shall be ex-officio members of the
- 29 COMMITTEE without votes. No member of the COMMITTEE shall be a current member of
- 30 the Vestry or employed by the parish. Except as herein limited, the term of each appointed
- member shall be three (3) years. The Vestry will stagger the terms of members to maximize
- 32 continuity over time. No member shall serve more than two consecutive three (3) year
- terms. After a lapse of one (1) year, former COMMITTEE members may be reappointed. In
- 34 the event of a vacancy on the COMMITTEE, the Vestry shall appoint a member to complete
- 35 the unfulfilled term. Upon the completion of the term, that person would be eligible for
- reappointment to a normal three (3) year term.

2. Roles of the COMMITTEE³

- 37 The COMMITTEE will manage the invested funds and oversee distributions from the FUND in
- 38 compliance with the approved Spending Rule (Section B) and in accordance with the purposes and
- 39 distribution policies defined in this resolution.

3. Frequency of Meetings

- The COMMITTEE shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently as deemed by it in the best
- 41 interest of the FUND.

4. Quorum

- 42 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the COMMITTEE. The affirmative vote of a majority
- shall be necessary to carry any motion or resolution. Ex-officio members are not credited to the
- 44 above requirement for a quorum.

5. Officers and Duties

- 45 The COMMITTEE shall elect from its membership a chairperson and a secretary. The
- chairperson, or member designated by the chairperson, shall preside at all COMMITTEE
- 47 meetings. The secretary shall maintain complete and accurate minutes of all meetings of
- 48 the COMMITTEE and supply a copy thereof to each member of the COMMITTEE. Each
- 49 member shall keep a complete set of minutes to be delivered to his or her successor. The
- secretary shall also supply a copy of the minutes to the Vestry in a timely manner. The
- 51 Treasurer⁴ of the church shall maintain complete and accurate books of account for the
- 52 FUND. The books will be audited as part of the parish annual audit.

6. Reports

- 53 The COMMITTEE shall report on a quarterly basis to the Vestry and, at each annual meeting
- of the congregation shall render a full and complete account of the administration of the
- 55 FUND during the preceding year.

7. **Professional Counsel**

- 56 The COMMITTEE, at the expense of the FUND, may provide for such auditing, professional
- 57 counseling on investments or legal matters as it deems to be in the best interests of the
- 58 FUND.

8. Investments

- All funds will be invested in accordance with the investment guidelines established in the
- 60 Investment Policy Statement (Section A).

9. Funds for Specific Purposes

- At the discretion of the Vestry, the COMMITTEE may establish sub-funds within the FUND for
- 62 specific purposes.⁵
- Also, donors may designate their gifts for a specific purpose. Any donor-designated gifts must
- be approved by the COMMITTEE and the Vestry. They must meet the requirements of the
- Donor Designated Fund Policy (Section D).

10. Liability of COMMITTEE Members

- Each member of the COMMITTEE shall act in good faith regarding the investment of the
- assets. Each member shall be liable only for his/her own conduct and shall not be liable for the
- acts or omissions of any other members. No member shall engage in self dealing or transactions
- 69 with the FUND in which the member has direct or indirect financial interest and shall at all times
- 70 refrain from any conduct in which his/her personal interests would conflict with the interests of
- 71 the FUND.

11. Holding of Assets, Action to Sell

- 72 All assets are to be held in the name of the Endowment Fund of The Church of the Resurrection,
- 73 Copley Parish Episcopal Church. Actions to hold, sell, exchange, rent, lease, transfer, convert,
- 74 invest, reinvest, and in all other
- 75 respects, to manage and control the assets of the FUND, including stocks, bonds, mortgages,
- notes, warrants of other securities, are to be made by a delegated member of the COMMITTEE
- on behalf of the COMMITTEE.

12. Acceptance of Gifts to the Endowment Fund

- In the absence of a Gift Acceptance Policy of the Parish, the COMMITTEE will establish a Gift Acceptance Policy (Section E) through which decisions will be made as to whether a gift to the FUND or to the Parish shall be accepted. 78
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13. Distributions from the Fund

- It is the intent of this resolution that the FUND shall be managed in perpetuity as a true
- 82 endowment. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the distributions from the FUND shall not be
- made to the operating budget of the Parish except under either of the following circumstances:
- 1. The annual distribution does not exceed 5% of the average of the preceding 3 year-end (as of December 31) endowment fund balances.
- 85 OR
- 2. In the event that the parish is in dire circumstances, meaning its
- viability as a continuing church is in jeopardy, the Vestry may use both income and principal of
- the unrestricted endowment for the operating needs of the Parish following a two-thirds vote of
- 89 the Vestry at two successive meetings and a two-thirds vote of the full congregation at a regular
- 90 or specially called meeting.
- 91 Distributions from the FUND shall be made using a "Total Return Policy" that incorporates
- 92 a designated percentage of the corpus which will be available for expenditure annually. The
- 93 COMMITTEE shall formulate a policy defining the spending rules and protocols (Section B)
- 94 with the approval of the Vestry. The policy will provide for the withdrawal and use of
- 95 funds consistent with the stated purposes of the FUND as defined in the first section of this
- Resolution. No portion of the FUND shall be "borrowed" including any "temporary usage" for
- 97 other needs of the Parish.
- Note: A true endowment is established if a donor makes a gift and restricts it to the Endowment
- 99 Fund, often defining its use. If the church promotes its Endowment Fund and receives gifts of any
- size for the Fund, those funds are equally restricted. If a purpose is announced and donors give
- to an Endowment Fund for a named purpose, the funds are restricted as to purpose as well. If the
- 102 church receives an unrestricted bequest that is placed in the Endowment Fund, or if the Vestry
- decides to put excess funds into the Endowment, those funds remain unrestricted. This part of the
- 104 Endowment Fund can be spent down by the Vestry within the established distribution rules. This
- is considered a "quasi" or unrestricted endowment.

14. Amendment of this Resolution

- Any amendment to this Resolution shall be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the
- membership of the Vestry at two consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings. Any amendment
- 108 regarding the use of the corpus of the unrestricted endowment shall be handled within the
- above-established distribution rules.

15. Disposition or transfer of FUND

110 111 112 113 114 115	other event, disposition conformity with the app canons and the Bishop of	or transfer of the FUI proved congregational of the Diocese of Mary rch Foundation to det	ether through merger, dissolution, or some ND shall be at the discretion of the Vestry in al constitution and in accord with diocesan yland, USA. It may be appropriate to consult stermine the manner in which Fund obligations
116 117	The foregoing resolution February, 2015.	n is hereby adopted	by the Vestry this 12th day of
118 119	The Church of the Resu Maryland, USA	rrection, Copley Paris	
120	Stephen Franzoni_	(print name)	Attest:
121 122	Senior Warden	(signature)	Linda Bullock

ENDOWMENT FUND POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, COPLEY PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARYLAND, USA

SECTION A

Investment Policy Statement

Purpose

- 123 This Investment Policy Statement establishes the philosophy, guidelines and investment
- objectives for managing the investments of the FUND.

Responsibility

- 125 The ultimate responsibility for managing the FUND resides with the Vestry which has chosen to
- delegate portions of its responsibility to the COMMITTEE, which will administer the portfolio
- of the FUND in accordance with these guidelines, as adopted and amended from time to time.
- These guidelines shall be reviewed at least annually by the COMMITTEE to determine whether
- they should be amended or remain unchanged. The COMMITTEE may choose to employ an
- outside investment manager.

Objectives

- The assets of the FUND are to be invested with the same care, skill and diligence that a prudent
- investor would exercise in investing institutional endowment funds. The primary objective will
- be to provide long-term growth of principal and income without undue exposure to risk.

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

Time Horizon

- 134 The FUND'S investment objectives and strategic asset allocation are based on a long-term time
- horizon.

Risk Tolerance:

- Because of its long-term time horizon, the FUND can tolerate some interim fluctuation in market
- value and rates of return in order to achieve its objectives. High level risk, high volatility and
- low quality rated securities, however, are to be avoided.

Prohibited Investments:

- 139 The COMMITTEE shall not invest in private placement, restricted stock or other illiquid issues,
- 140 commodities' futures, arbitrage and other uncovered options, and shall not engage in short sales,
- margin transactions or other similar specialized investment activities; however, the use of funds
- that use these investment activities in a constructive manner are permitted.

Portfolio Diversification:

- 143 The investment objectives should be achieved through a diversified portfolio, which may include
- but is not limited to, large-cap, mid-cap, small-cap U.S equities, international equities (both
- developed and emerging markets), bonds and cash. Mutual funds, common trust funds, exchange
- traded funds, and notes representing any of these asset classes may be used.

Investment Discretion:

- 147 These guidelines are not intended to restrict or impede the efforts of the COMMITTEE to attain
- the FUND's objectives, nor are they intended to exclude the COMMITTEE from taking
- advantage of appropriate opportunities as they arise. The COMMITTEE shall have discretion
- and flexibility to implement the objectives and policies herein set forth.

Asset Allocation

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- Because securities markets may vary greatly throughout a market cycle, the COMMITTEE may
- change the asset mix of the FUND within the following ranges as long as that mix meets the
- overall objectives and is consistent with the policy guidelines herein set forth. The FUND shall
- be allocated between equity investments and bonds and/or other fixed income securities.
- The strategic target allocation shall be within the following ranges:⁶

157		Low	Target	<u>High</u>
158	EQUITIES:	20%	40%	50%
159	FIXED INCOME:	50%	60%	80%
160	CASH:	0%	0%	20%

- 161 The target allocation among equity classes shall be determined periodically (and at least
- annually) by the COMMITTEE in consultation with the investment manager(s) to reflect a
- prudent response to current market conditions.

Investment Goals

- While maintaining the asset mix within the above guidelines, the COMMITTEE accepts a risk
- level for the FUND's overall investment program that is intended to produce a total annual return
- adequate to cover these components: expenditures from the FUND (as determined annually by
- the COMMITTEE under the Spending Rule Policy), inflation and growth of the FUND.

Reporting

- The quarterly report provided by the COMMITTEE to the Vestry will include the fund value,
- any changes in the asset allocation strategy, and the investment performance. The report shall
- reflect compliance with the objectives, policies and guidelines set forth herein.

SECTION B

Spending Rule Policy

- Money will be distributed from the FUND upon written request of the Vestry and with the
- approval of the COMMITTEE for those uses which conform to the purposes and restrictions
- established by donors or incorporated in the Enabling Resolution.

- 174 Funds available for distribution will be determined by using a total return principle, i.e., return
- derived from dividends and interest as well as realized and unrealized capital gains. The funds
- available for distribution during any one year will be limited to a percentage of the market value
- of the corpus that is based on a three-year rolling average, 8 with measures taken at the end of
- each of the preceding twelve quarters. The market value for this purpose will be taken net of the
- 179 fees for investment management.
- The percentage of the FUND made available for distribution shall be determined each year by
- the COMMITTEE and will normally fall in the range of three to five percent. In so doing, market
- performance of the portfolio will be an important consideration. It will be the goal of the
- 183 COMMITTEE to grow, or at least maintain, the purchasing power of the FUND taking
- inflationary effects into account.
- Any unexpended funds from those available for distribution in a given year will be accrued and
- will continue to be considered available for distribution in subsequent years unless otherwise
- designated by action of the COMMITTEE with the approval of the Vestry. Expenses related to
- the management and administration of the FUND will be deducted from the funds available
- 189 for distribution.

SECTION C Disposition of Bequests Policy

- 190 This policy statement governs the disposition of *bequests* which, for purposes of this statement,
- will mean any type of gift in which the assets are transferred upon the death of the donor. The
- assets may be in any form, such as cash, securities, personal property, real property, etc.
- 193 The bequest may identify the beneficiary in one of two general ways: *The Church of the*
- 194 Resurrection, Copley Parish Episcopal Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland or some
- 195 other wording such as
- 196 The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish Church, Maryland, USA; or The Endowment
- 197 Fund of The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish Episcopal Church or similar wording.
- 198 Bequests with The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish Episcopal Church as
- beneficiary can be of two general types:
- a. Restricted: The donor has identified a specific purpose(s) to which the funds should be
- directed. The Vestry will guarantee that the use(s) to which those funds are applied is faithful to
- 202 the donor's wishes. The funds may be directed to their designated purpose(s) either as an
- 203 endowment, in which case they normally would become a designated fund within the
- 204 Endowment Fund, or by direct expenditure of the funds through the Treasurer of the Parish.
- 205 **b.** Unrestricted: The expectation is that such a bequest will be transferred to the Endowment
- Fund. Such transfers are intended to be held in perpetuity. This policy specifically
- acknowledges that from time to time truly extraordinary needs of the parish may arise to
- 208 necessitate an exception to this policy.
- 209 In such instances the following procedure will apply:

210	The Rector and Rector's Warden of the Parish will assess the particular circumstances giving rise
211	to a perceived need to make an exception to the policy. Such circumstances should be judged to
212	be truly extraordinary and that no other financial resources of the Parish are available or are
213	expected to become available in time to fulfill the urgent need. If an exception is deemed
214	appropriate, the Rector and Rector's Warden will make a recommendation. Final authority for
215	granting such an exception to the policy will rest with the Vestry.

216	Bequests designating the Endowment Fund as beneficiary are automatically transferred to the
217	Endowment Fund upon receipt. If the bequest was given for a designated purpose, then the value
218	of the assets will be applied to establish a designated fund of the Endowment Fund, as provided
219	for in a separate policy. If the bequest to the Endowment Fund is otherwise undesignated, the
220	assets will be directed to that portion of the corpus of the Endowment Fund where earnings are
221	unrestricted.

SECTIOND Donor-Designated Fund Policy

222 223	A separate and designated fund within the FUND may be established for gifts in the amount of \$25,000 ⁹ or more. The Vestry must vote to accept the gift for the purpose(s) described by the
224	donor, or it has the responsibility to reject the gift.
225 226 227	If accepted, the assets are merged with other assets of the FUND for investment purposes, but the identity and designated purpose of each fund is preserved individually.
228 229 230	The fund is established effective the last day of the quarter in which the gift is received. The value is determined either by the actual value, if received by the FUND in cash, or the market value of the assets determined on the date the fund is established.
231	Income, realized gains or losses, and unrealized gains or losses are allocated quarterly to each

Income, realized gains or losses, and unrealized gains or losses are allocated quarterly to each
fund based on its market value relative to the total market value of the FUND at the end of the
previous quarter. New gifts are then added and withdrawals are subtracted to arrive at the new
value of the designated fund on the last day of the quarter. Expenditures are limited to the
purposes specified in the designation and are governed by the FUND's Spending Rule.

SECTION E Gift Acceptance Policy

Pur	pose

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236	This gift acceptance policy will provide guidelines to representatives of The Church of the
237	Resurrection, Copley Parish who may be involved in the acceptance of gifts, to outside advisors
238	who may assist in the gift planning process, and to prospective donors who may wish to make
239	gifts to The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish. This policy is intended only as a
240	guide and allows for some flexibility on a case-by-case basis. The gift review process outlined
241	here, however, is intended to be followed closely.

Gift Review Committee

Any questions which may arise in the review and acceptance of gifts to The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish will be referred to The Gift Review Committee. The Committee,

- 244 unless otherwise designated by the vestry, will be comprised of the full Endowment Fund
- 245 COMMITTEE.

Cash

- 1) All gifts by check shall be accepted by The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish regardless of amount.
- 248 2) Checks shall be made payable to The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish. In no event
- shall a check be made payable to an individual who represents The Church of the
- Resurrection, Copley Parish or the church in any capacity.

Publicly Traded Securities

- 1) Readily marketable securities, such as those traded on a stock exchange, can be accepted by
 The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish.
- 253 2) The value of the gift of securities is the average of the high and low prices on the date of the gift.
- 255 3) A gift of securities to The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish is usually liquidated immediately.

Closely Held Securities

- Non-publicly traded securities may be accepted after consultation with the Gift Review Committee. The fair market value will be the value used by the donor in the preparation of the donor's tax return.
- 260 2) The Gift Review Committee will explore methods for liquidation of the securities through redemption or sale **prior to acceptance**. The Gift Review Committee will try to determine:
- 262 a) Any restrictions on transfer
- b) Whether and when an initial public offering might be anticipated
- 264 3) No commitment for repurchase of closely held securities shall be made prior to completion of the gift of the securities.

Real Estate

- 266 1) Any gift of real estate must be reviewed by the Gift Review Committee.
- 2) Normally, the donor is responsible for obtaining and paying for an appraisal of the property.

 The appraisal will be performed by an independent and professional agent.
- 269 3) The appraisal must be based upon a personal visitation and internal inspection of the property 270 by the appraiser. Also, whenever possible, it must show documented valuation of 271 comparable properties located in the same area.
- The formal appraisal should contain photographs of the property, the tax map number, the assessed value, the current asking price, a legal description of the property, the zoning status, and complete information regarding all mortgages, liens, litigation or title disputes.
- The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish reserves the right to require an environmental assessment of any potential real estate gift.
- 277 6) The property must be transferred to The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish prior to any formal offer or contract for purchase is made.
- 7) The donor may be asked to pay for all or a portion of the following:
- a) Maintenance costs
- b) Real estate taxes
- c) Insurance
- d) Real estate broker's commission and other costs of sale

- e) Appraisal costs
- 8) For gift crediting and accounting purposes, the value of the gift is the appraised value of the real estate. This value may be reduced, however, by the costs of maintenance, insurance, real
- estate taxes, broker's commission and other expenses of sale.

Life Insurance

- 288 1) A gift of a life insurance policy must be referred to the Gift Review Committee.
- 289 2) The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish can be named a contingent beneficiary or the
- beneficiary of a percentage of a life insurance policy
- 3) The vestry will accept **ownership** of a life insurance policy as a gift only if The Church of the
- Resurrection, Copley Parish is named as the owner and beneficiary of 100% of the policy.
- 293 4) If the gift is a paid-up policy, the value for gift crediting and accounting purposes is the
- 294 policy's replacement cost.
- 5) If the policy is partially paid-up, the value for gift crediting and accounting purposes is the
- 296 policy's cash surrender value. (For IRS purposes, the donor's charitable income tax deduction is
- 297 equal to the interpolated terminal reserve, which is an amount slightly in excess of the cash
- 298 surrender value.)

Tangible Personal Property

- 299 1) Any gift of tangible personal property shall be referred to the Gift Review Committee prior to acceptance.
- 301 2) Gifts of jewelry, artwork, collections, equipment and software shall be assessed for their value to The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish. Their value may be realized either
- by being sold or used in connection with the parish's exempt purpose.
- 304 3) Depending upon the anticipated value of the gift, a qualified outside appraiser may be asked to determine its value.
- 306 4) The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish shall adhere to all IRS requirements relating to valuation and disposition of gifts of tangible personal property and will provide
- appropriate forms to the donor and IRS.

Deferred Gifts

- 1) The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish encourages deferred gifts in its favor through any of a variety of vehicles:
- a) Charitable gift annuity (or deferred gift annuity)
- b) Pooled income fund
 - c) Charitable remainder trust
- d) Charitable lead trust
- e) Bequest

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- f) Retained life estate
- The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish (or its agent) shall not act as an executor (personal representative) for a donor's estate. A member of the parish staff serving as
- personal representative for a member of the parish does so in a personal capacity and not as an agent of the parish.
- 321 3) The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish (or its agent) shall not act as trustee of any charitable remainder trust.
- 4) The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish may invite prospective donors to consider gift
- vehicles offered by The Episcopal Church Foundation (specifically, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuities and the Pooled Income Fund).
- When donors are provided planned gift illustrations of form documents, these will be provided free of charge. For any planned gift related documents, materials, illustrations, letters or other

328		correspondence, the following disclaimer should be included:
329 330 331		The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish strongly urges you to consult with your attorney, financial and/or tax advisor to review this information provided to you without charge or obligation. This information in no way constitutes legal or financial advice.
332 333 334 335	6)	All information obtained from or about donors/prospects shall e held in the strictest confidence by The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish staff and volunteers. Neither the name, the amount, nor the conditions of any gift shall be published without the express written or oral approval of the donor and/or beneficiary.
336 337 338	7)	The Church of the Resurrection, Copley Parish will seek qualified professional counsel in the exploration and execution of all planned gift agreements. The parish recognizes the right of fair and just remuneration for professional services.
339 340 341	8)	The Vestry, upon the advice of the Gift Review Committee, reserves the right to decline any gift that does not further the mission of the parish. Also, any gifts that would create an Administrative burden or cause the parish to incur excessive expenses may be declined.

- ¹ The purposes can be adapted to your church's particular circumstances; however, you want to be specific enough to give donors a clear sense of how the funds will be used, but at the same time general enough to allow future vestries to respond to the needs of their time.
- ² Smaller churches may have a COMMITTEE of three members. The important principle embedded in the suggested COMMITTEE composition is to appoint members who do not have the responsibility of balancing the annual budget. There is an intentional check and balance between short-term and long-term interests built into this structure.
- ³ The endowment COMMITTEE manages the investments, oversees distribution of the funds for the purposes agreed upon, and makes sure that the rules are followed, but does not determine specifically how the funds will be used. That is a vestry decision.
- ⁴ Often the treasurer of the church serves as treasurer of the endowment fund; however, the best practice would be for the endowment fund to have its own treasurer.
- ⁵ Some endowment funds establish sub-accounts or "pockets" within the endowment to encourage donor interest, such as funds for outreach, scholarships, music, Christian education, etc. While these may encourage donor interest they also restrict the use of the funds for specific purposes which over time may or may not conform to the current needs of the church.
- ⁶ The COMMITTEE, usually in consultation with their investment advisor, establishes a target asset allocation between equities and fixed income and ranges for each based on time horizon, risk tolerance, annual spending rule, and market conditions among other factors. A more detailed IPS will set ranges for sub-asset classes as well. The target and ranges shown here are for illustration only.
- ⁷ A "total return" spending policy establishes value based on income, dividends, **and** capital appreciation (depreciation). An "income only" policy considers only the interest earned and dividends paid.
- ⁸ Some churches use a five-year rolling average to smooth out the ups and downs of the market. Churches just starting out that do not have a multi-year average sometimes apply their spending rule to 90% of the first year's net average value.
- ⁹ The minimum gift required to establish a donor-designated fund can be higher or lower than the \$25,000 listed here. The purpose of the minimum is to avoid accepting multiple small gifts that are restricted by the donor and which require separate accounting.