

CONNECTIONS

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



A season of change is a time to reflect on the abundance in our lives. As Autumn approaches, we draw inward and look for some quiet in the busyness around us. We often think of home, family, church as constants in our lives.

Yet change is ever-present. Change can open doors and offer new vistas, new ideas. Change can create anxiety and fear. The choice on how to deal with change is ours. As we enter a time of waiting for what changes may come in our denomination and our world, God is our constant, abiding guide, and we need not worry.

For the California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation Board of Directors and staff, growing and thriving through change is our goal. While we don't know exactly the shape of change to come, we do know that our commitment to providing our church and agency partners with the excellent, personal service we know you value won't change. We will stand alongside you moving into the future.

Peace,

Susan Peters, CFRE
Executive Director



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California-Nevada
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Resources, Relationships, Results



Lower Your Taxes with the New Tax Law

**For smart taxpayers,
the new law provides
easy opportunities to
lower taxes even more.**

Congress doubled
the standard
deduction to:
\$12,000 for single
filers and \$24,000
for married filers.

Whether you typically
itemize or take the standard
deduction, there are some
strategies you can use to
receive new tax savings as
well as other non-tax benefits.

Call or email us to learn how
you can use the new law to its
fullest advantage.

The most significant
opportunity for you is
probably the standard
deduction.

It can be used instead of
itemizing your deductions,
where in the past you might
have claimed a deduction
for mortgage interest,
state and local taxes and
charitable giving.



**Fund a
charitable
gift annuity
or charitable
remainder
unitrust**

Either strategy provides you
with annual income,
a charitable income tax
deduction and potentially
favorable capital gains
treatment while allowing you
to support the ministries
that matter most to you. Your
specific benefits will be
affected based on whether
you itemize or take the
standard deduction.



**Make an
outright gift of
an appreciated
asset to charity**

This strategy allows you to
support the ministries that
matter most to you while
generating a charitable tax
deduction and potentially capital
gains tax savings. This strategy
provides tax benefits to itemizers
and non-itemizers.



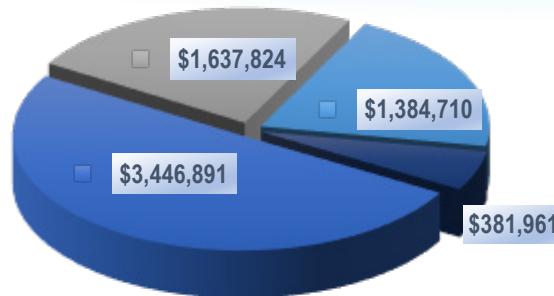
**Give from your
pre-tax assets
by making an
IRA rollover gift**

If you are 70½ or older, this strategy
allows you to give up to \$100,000
directly from your IRA rather than
take the required distribution from
your IRA. This strategy does not
result in a charitable deduction
but will help you avoid tax on the
distribution. This strategy works for
both itemizers and non-itemizers.

2017 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

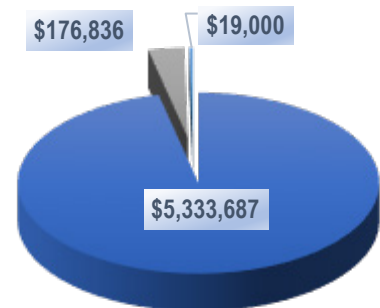
Income Received 2017: \$6,851,385

- Deposits to new & existing accounts
- Income Earned on Investments
- Realized Gains/(Losses)
- Fund Management Fees



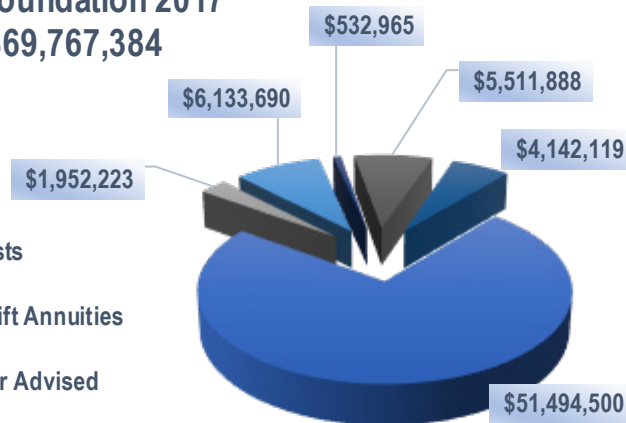
Funds Distributed 2017: \$5,529,523

- Church Conference & Other Ministries
- Life Income Payments to Donors
- Grants & Scholarships



Funds Held by the Foundation 2017 Market Value: \$69,767,384

- Revocable Trusts
- Operations
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Pooled Income Funds & Gift Annuities
- Irrevocable Trusts & Donor Advised Funds
- Restricted Gifts



Assets Under Management as of Dec. 31, 2017: \$69,301,146

New Money Received in 2017: \$2,528,529

Investment Performance in 2017:

Equity Portfolio 19.61%

S&P 500 Benchmark 21.83%

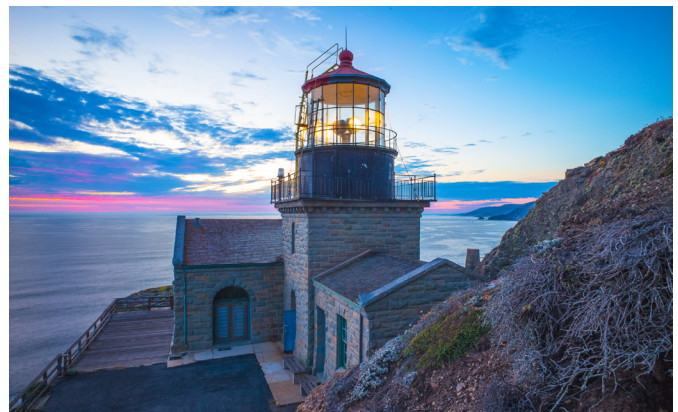
Asset Allocation Portfolio 11.03%

Blended Benchmark 13.59%

Intermediate Fixed Income Portfolio 2.2%

Benchmark 2.14%

Operating expense ratio: .62% of AUM



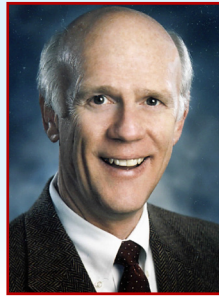
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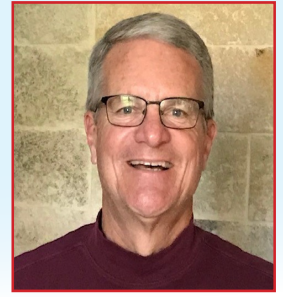
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