# **Consolidated Financial Statements**

as of

**December 31, 2015** 

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors and Senior Management United Church Funds, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of United Church Funds, Inc., which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



# **Opinion**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of United Church Funds, Inc. as of December 31, 2015, and the consolidated changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedules of assets, liabilities and fund balances and schedules of changes in fund balances for the Common Investment Funds and Split-Interest Agreement Funds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

# Report on summarized comparative information

Mitchell: Titus, LLP

We have previously audited United Church Funds, Inc.'s 2014 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated July 16, 2015. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

June 30, 2016

# **Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**

December 31, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS		2015	2014
Cash	\$	1,370,424	873,020
Investments		761,217,296	791,597,998
Accrued investment income		2,488,158	2,451,858
Receivable from UCF Common Investment Funds		343,687	385,113
Accounts receivable		57,687	79,406
Prepaid expenses		56,959	86,639
Other assets		164,979	 271,981
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	765,699,190	\$ 795,746,015
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Liabilities			
Accrued expenses	\$	963,629	\$ 1,023,259
Total	_	963,629	1,023,259
Funds held for benefit of others			
UCF Common Investment Funds		684,894,080	709,863,542
New Hampshire Conference Consolidated Investment Fund		6,461	6,461
Liabilities under split-interest agreements		21,419,741	23,778,806
Endowments		49,165,614	 51,639,924
Total funds held for benefit of others		755,485,896	785,288,733
TOTAL LIABILITIES		756,449,525	786,311,992
Net Assets			
Unrestricted		2,512,171	2,261,752
Temporarily restricted		1,206,423	1,641,200
Permanently restricted		5,531,071	 5,531,071
TOTAL NET ASSETS		9,249,665	9,434,023
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	765,699,190	\$ 795,746,015

See notes to consolidated financial statements

# **Consolidated Statement of Activities**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015 with Summarized Financial Information for 2014

	2015						2014			
	Llaractricto	۵		emporarily	P	ermanently		Total		Total
DEVENUES CAINS AND	Unrestricte	<u>a</u>		restricted		restricted		Total		Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND										
RECLASSIFICATIONS			•		•		•	0.40	•	4 004
Contributions	\$ 24	40	\$		\$		\$	240	\$	1,821
Income earned on	40.0			70 545				00.450		04.404
investments Fees earned on managed	12,9	1 1		70,545				83,456		94,491
funds	6,439,89	ΔA						6,439,894		6,262,960
Reimbursement for	0,439,0	7 <del>1</del>						0,439,094		0,202,900
services rendered to										
other entities	167,5	78						167,578		135,695
Net realized gains on	107,0							107,070		100,000
investments sold	3,9	14		8,342				12,256		1,781,439
Change in unrealized	-,-			-,- :-				,		1,101,100
appreciation on investments	(31,30	05)		(105,649)				(136,954)		(1,579,373)
Net assets released from	•	•						, , ,		, , ,
restriction	408,0	15		(408,015)						=
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS										
AND RECLASSIFICATIONS	7,001,2	<del>1</del> 7		(434,777)				6,566,470		6,697,033
EXPENSES AND GRANTS										
Administration of										
Common Investment Funds	2,293,0	9						2,293,009		1,986,601
Investment-related expenses	3,057,3	53						3,057,353		2,492,558
Social responsibility										
coordination	221,6							221,678		184,946
Marketing program expenses	758,2	31						758,231		999,585
Grants and other distributions										
paid from endowments	420,5	57			_			420,557		323,705
TOTAL EXPENSES AND	0.750.0							0.750.000		5 007 005
GRANTS	6,750,8	28						6,750,828		5,987,395
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	250,4	19		(434,777)				(184,358)		709,638
BEGINNING OF YEAR (	2,261,7	52		1,641,200		5,531,071		9,434,023		8,724,385
END OF YEAR	\$ 2,512,1	71	\$	1,206,423	\$	5,531,071	\$	9,249,665	\$	9,434,023

See notes to consolidated financial statements

# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

		2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
(Decrease) Increase in net assets	\$	(184,358)	\$ 709,638
Adjustments to reconcile (decrease) increase in net assets to net cash provided by			
operating activities:			
Change in unrealized appreciation on investments		136,954	1,579,373
Net realized gains on investments sold		(12,256)	(1,781,439)
Depreciation and amortization		126,832	135,359
Contributions to permanently restricted net assets		-	(724)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Decrease (increase) in assets related to			
funds held for benefit of others		29,802,837	(11,899,570)
(Decrease) increase in funds held for benefit of others		(29,802,837)	11,899,570
Net decrease (increase) in other assets and liabilities		113,082	(361,670)
Net cash provided by operating activities		180,254	280,537
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES  Proceeds from liquidation of units of participation in the UCF Common			
Investment Funds		408,681	312,926
Purchases of units of participation in the UCF Common Investment Funds			
and other investments		(71,701)	(84,436)
Purchases of equipment and other capitalized items		(19,830)	 (14,200)
Net cash provided by investing activities		317,150	214,290
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
			724
Contributions to permanently restricted net assets  Net cash provided by financing activities			 724 724
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NET INCREASE IN CASH		497,404	495,551
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR		873,020	 377,469
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$	1,370,424	\$ 873,020

See notes to consolidated financial statements

#### **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

United Church Funds, Inc. (UCF), an associated ministry of the United Church of Christ (UCC), is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit entity established to receive gifts from individuals and organizations, to hold such funds and property as may be entrusted or conveyed to it by UCC-related organizations, and administer and invest such funds. In that respect, UCF provides professional investment management services to local churches, conferences and other entities affiliated with the UCC. UCF is also the designated fiscal agent of the planned giving program of the UCC, which is directed by the Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship of the United Church of Christ. Funds raised through the planned giving programs are managed by UCF in a gift annuity fund, a pooled income fund and in separate trusts. From time to time, UCF is also named as trustee of endowments that benefit other UCC-related entities.

UCF carries out its investment management services through various Common Investment Funds. Investors receive units of participation in the Common Investment Funds based on the determinations of fair values. Units may be issued or redeemed daily. Net investment income is accrued daily and included in the unit value. At the end of each quarter, a dividend is declared and either credited to each account or paid to each account holder based on the units of participation owned on the date of declaration.

Investments are made pursuant to guidelines established by the Investment Committee of UCF, which include parameters requiring exclusion of investment in securities of entities considered unsuitable because of social or moral concerns.

UCF is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and, accordingly, is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. As a not-for-profit organization, UCF is exempt from New York State and New York City income and sales taxes. UCF has been classified as an organization which is not a private foundation and has been designated as a publicly supported organization under Section 509(a)(2) of the Code and qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction for donors.

The consolidated financial statements includes the accounts of United Church Funds Services Corporation (UCFSC). All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in the consolidation. UCFSC was created in 2014 to hold funds trusted to it by other faith-based organizations. UCFSC is a wholly owned subsidiary of UCF that is governed by UCF's Board of Directors. Investors of UCFSC invest in the various Common Investment Funds

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a Net asset classifications

Net assets are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of UCF are classified and reported as follows:

Permanently restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that stipulate the resources be maintained in perpetuity, but permit UCF to expend part or all of the income derived from the donated assets for either specified or unspecified purposes.

Temporarily restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that permit UCF to use or expend the assets as specified. The restrictions are satisfied either by the passage of time or by actions of UCF.

When a prior year donor restriction expires, the restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the accompanying consolidated statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. UCF reports restricted contributions whose stipulations were met in the same year as unrestricted contributions.

Unrestricted net assets represent resources over which the Board of Directors and management of UCF have full discretion with respect to use.

### b. Investments

Investments in marketable equity and fixed-income securities are stated at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. For certain thinly-traded fixed-income securities, market prices are obtained from UCF's investment brokers. Mutual funds are carried at fair values based on their published unit values. When marketable securities are acquired by gift or transfer, they are recorded at fair value on the date of receipt.

Investments in commingled funds are valued based on net asset values reported by the investment managers, which are generally calculated based on the last reported sales price of the underlying assets held by the funds.

Investment transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is accrued as earned. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are the differences between proceeds received and the average cost of the securities sold.

In the Common Investment Funds and the Pooled Income Fund, the net realized gains are reinvested, while net investment income is distributed quarterly to participants in c. Contributions the funds in the form of additional units of participation or a cash payment.

Pursuant to a total return investment policy, UCF uses a spending rate to determine the amount to be made available for spending from some of its endowment funds. The spending rate on these endowments is 5%, which is applied to the funds' average quarterly fair values for the 5 years preceding the fiscal year.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, UCF holds alternative investments (non-traditional, not readily marketable assets), which represent interests in two funds of hedge funds, a macro index hedge fund and a real estate trust fund. The investments are stated at fair value as estimated in an unquoted market. Fair value is determined by UCF's management based on the net asset values reported to UCF, with consideration of other factors, such as liquidity, that might affect fair value determination in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC 820). Financial information used by UCF to evaluate its alternative investments is provided by the investment funds.

The investees for the funds of hedge funds are "fund of funds", and, therefore, fair values are primarily based on financial data supplied by the underlying investment funds. The investee for the real estate trust fund is a perpetual-life open-ended commingled real estate fund. The underlying real estate investments are carried at estimated fair value. An independent appraisal management firm oversees and administers the appraisal process for the fund. On a quarterly q. Benefit costs basis, the independent appraisal management firm presents appraised values which are updated by the appraisers based upon financial and leasing updates provided by the general partner of the fund and changes in occupancy levels, lease amendments, overall market conditions and capital improvements.

On November 1, 2014, United Church Funds launched its newest funds, the Beyond Fossil Fuels Fund and the Beyond Fossil Fuels Balanced Fund. Free of investments in US companies exploring for or producing fossil fuels, the funds expand UCF's action to address climate change through investment. The Beyond Fossil Fuels Fund is a broadly diversified enhanced index portfolio that invests primarily in large capitalization common stock of US-headquartered corporations. The Fund avoids investments in exploration and production companies in the oil and gas industries and thermal coal companies.

UCF records as revenue the following types of contributions when they are received unconditionally at their fair value: cash, securities, and gifts of long-lived and other assets.

# d. Cash and cash equivalents

UCF considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, other than cash held for the benefit of others and those held in the investment portfolio, to be cash equivalents.

#### e. Other assets

Other assets include the cost of purchased software, computers and leasehold improvements, which are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the assets, typically 3 to 5 years.

#### f. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements for revenue and expenses during the reporting period and amounts reported in the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Pension and medical insurance costs are funded by quarterly payments as determined by The Pension Boards-United Church of Christ (Pension Boards), a related entity of the UCC. Such costs totaled approximately \$404,000 in 2015 and \$371,000 in 2014.

#### h. Summarized Prior Year Financial Information

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with UCF's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, from which the summarized information was derived.

### 3. INVESTMENTS

# a. Composition of investments

Investments are comprised of the following types of securities:

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	Cost*	Cost* Fair Value Cost*		Fair Value
Fixed-income investments				
Short-term investments and cash	\$ 61,760,392	\$ 61,760,392	\$ 30,321,739	\$ 30,321,739
Corporate bonds	111,557,062	112,090,393	127,905,013	131,027,995
U.S. Government and agency bonds	46,370,196	46,333,086	32,402,332	33,126,962
Mortgage-backed securities	5,788,857	5,776,198	5,677,061	5,708,875
International commingled fund - emerging				
markets debt	11,000,000	11,114,689	15,452,291	13,374,210
Commingled fund - bank loans	21,048,964	21,224,353	26,009,090	27,057,212
Private placement	4,150	4,150	4,150	4,150
Life insurance contracts	75,866	160,381	75,866	154,216
Total fixed-income investments	257,605,487	258,463,642	237,847,542	240,775,359
Equity investments				
Mutual and commingled funds				
Domestic - small cap	7,695,104	8,763,519	9,856,261	12,970,862
International - emerging markets	26,349,681	21,830,130	51,044,788	50,705,108
Common stocks				
Domestic - large cap	157,836,839	178,056,226	173,394,663	212,087,964
Domestic - small cap	23,257,583	25,448,633	26,494,623	32,519,867
International - developed markets	198,513,153	185,103,022	174,065,494	164,505,157
Beyond Fossil Fuels - domestic	26,584,826	26,663,052	22,410,705	22,887,650
Futures		25,880		76,579
Total equity investments	440,237,186	445,890,462	457,266,534	495,753,187
Alternative investments				
Funds of hedge funds	31,121,000	38,075,155	28,421,000	34,048,951
Macro index hedge fund	7,649,581	9,171,333	10,000,000	12,351,239
Real estate trust fund	6,882,863	9,616,704	6,853,059	8,669,262
Total alternative investments	45,653,444	56,863,192	45,274,059	55,069,452
Total investments	\$ 743,496,117	\$ 761,217,296	\$ 740,388,135	\$ 791,597,998

<sup>\*</sup> For fixed-income securities, cost represents amortized cost

### b. Income earned on investments

Income earned on investments in the accompanying consolidated statement of activities excludes that portion attributable to funds held for benefit of others. Including amounts held for the benefit of others, the total investment income earned during 2015 and 2014 was as follows:

UCF assets	\$ 83,456	\$ 94,491
Funds held for benefit		
of others	15,222,800	16,325,424
TOTAL	\$ 15,306,256	\$ 16,419,915

# c. Net realized gains on investments sold

Net realized gains on investments sold in the accompanying consolidated statement of activities exclude gains attributable to funds held for benefit of others. Including amounts held for benefit of others, the net gains on investments sold during 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

UCF assets	\$ 12,256	\$ 1,781,439
Funds held for benefit		
of others	10,283,679	52,645,397
TOTAL	\$ 10,295,935	\$ 54,426,836

#### d. Unrealized appreciation on investments

Unrealized appreciation on investments in the accompanying consolidated statement of activities excludes that portion attributable to funds held for benefit of others. Including amounts held for benefit of others, the total unrealized appreciation on investments in 2015 and 2014 was as follows:

		2015		2014
Beginning of year	\$	51,209,863	\$	85,462,285
End of year		17,721,179		51,209,863
Change in unrealized				
appreciation	\$	(33,488,684)	\$	(34,252,422)
	_		_	

The change in unrealized appreciation includes the change in value of investments, or the difference between average cost and current fair value of the portfolio, as follows:

UCF assets	\$ (136,954)	\$	(1,579,373)
Funds held for benef			
of others	(33,351,730)		(32,673,049)
TOTAL	\$ (33,488,684)	\$	(34,252,422)

#### e. Risks and Uncertainties

UCF invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

The Investment Committee of UCF establishes guidelines to ensure that the investments in each of UCF's Common Investment Funds meet the ethical, moral and social expectations of the United Church of Christ, and that appropriate diversification within each Fund is maintained. Investment managers retained by UCF are monitored by the Investment Committee to ensure that each manager adheres to these guidelines. Each of UCF's Common Investment Funds spreads investment risk across many securities in the portfolio to minimize potential losses. UCF's funds also diversify across asset classes (stocks and bonds), investment styles (growth and value) and capitalization size (large and small caps). While such broad diversification cannot prevent loss, it can mitigate losses suffered in one part of the market that may be offset by gains realized in another part.

UCF has established diversification guidelines in an effort to achieve an appropriate combination of asset classes within the Total Equity and Balanced Funds. Asset classes are identified based on their appropriateness for UCF's investment program, their long-term return and volatility characteristics and the diversification benefits offered within a multiple manager and a multiple asset class structure. The actual distribution of assets within the Total Equity and Balanced Funds will be allowed to fluctuate within the policy guidelines, and it may be adjusted as deemed appropriate to mitigate risk.

The investment guidelines for cash and cash equivalents or fixed-income portfolios limit the amount of credit concentration by limiting the percentage of a particular manager's portfolio to a maximum of 5% of any one issuer (excluding the US Government or its agencies or instrumentalities). In addition, any manager's portfolio should be appropriately diversified. For equity portfolios, the same 5% limit on any single issuer applies to 75% of the value of each manager's portfolio. For the remaining 25% of the value of the manager's portfolio, a more concentrated risk of up to

8% of the value of the portfolio may be taken on any one issuer.

In addition to the limits on concentration in UCF's portfolio related to a single issuer, no more than 25% of the fair value of each manager's portfolio may be invested in companies in which the combined holdings of the manager's clients constitute 10% or more of the outstanding stock.

There is uncertainty in determining the fair value of the alternative investments, arising from factors such as lack of active markets (primary and secondary), lack of transparency into underlying holdings and the subjective evaluation of liquidity restrictions. As a result, the estimated fair values reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position at December 31, 2015 and 2014 might differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the interests in the alternative investments existed. Furthermore, there is at least a reasonable possibility that estimates will change by material amounts in the near term.

The financial statements of all four investees are audited annually by independent auditors.

The alternative investments are two funds of hedge funds, a macro index hedge fund and a real estate trust fund. The underlying investments may indirectly expose UCF to securities lending, short sales of securities, trading in derivative products and other complex investment strategies. While these financial instruments may contain varying degrees of risk, UCF's risk with respect to such transactions is limited to its capital balance in the alternative investments.

The alternative investments have liquidity restrictions under which UCF's capital may be accessed only at specified times. The two funds of hedge funds have quarterly liquidity on the last day of the quarter with prior notice of 60-65 days. UCF's investment in a macro index hedge fund has daily liquidity. Finally, UCF has an investment in a real estate fund; this fund has quarterly liquidity with prior notice of 90 days.

No valuation adjustments have been made related to liquidity restrictions at December 31, 2015 and 2014 because it is not probable that UCF will sell its investments at an amount other than the net asset value per share.

#### 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair Value Hierarchy

UCF classifies and discloses the fair value of financial instruments according to a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. The three levels of fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

A review of fair value hierarchy classifications is conducted annually. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification for certain financial assets or liabilities. Reclassifications impacting Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are reported as transfers in/out of the Level 3 category as of the beginning of the period in which the reclassifications occur.

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy investment assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and changes in fair value of UCF's Level 3 investments during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

## FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Fixed-income investments	e 04.700.000	¢ 04.700.000	œ.	Φ.
Short-term investments and cash	\$ 61,760,392 112,090,393	\$ 61,760,392	\$ 112,090,393	\$
Corporate bonds U.S. Government and agency bonds	46,333,086	20,407,722	25,925,364	
Mortgage-backed securities	5,776,198	20,407,722	5,776,198	
	3,770,190		3,770,190	
International commingled fund - emerging markets debt	11 114 600		11 114 600	
	11,114,689 21,224,353		11,114,689 21,224,353	
Commingled fund - bank loans	21,224,353 4,150		21,224,333	4,150
Private placement Life insurance contracts	160,381			160,381
Total fixed-income investments	258,463,642	82,168,114	176,130,997	164,531
Equity investments	230,403,042	02,100,114	170,130,997	104,551
Mutual and commingled funds				
Domestic - small cap	8,763,519	8,763,519		
International - emerging markets	21,830,130	21,830,130		
Common stocks	21,000,100	21,000,100		
Domestic - large cap	178.056.226	178,056,226		
Domestic - large cap  Domestic - small cap	25,448,633	25,448,633		
International - developed markets	185,103,022	185,103,022		
Beyond Fossil Fuels - domestic markets	26,663,052	26,663,052		
Futures	25,880	20,003,032	25.880	
Total equity investments	445,890,462	445,864,582	25,880	
Alternative investments	443,030,402	443,004,302	23,000	<del></del>
Funds of hedge funds	38,075,155		38,075,155	
Macro index hedge fund	9,171,333		9,171,333	
Real estate trust fund	9,616,704		9,616,704	
Total alternative investments	56,863,192		56,863,192	
rotal attornative investments	55,005,152		00,000,102	
Total investments	\$ 761,217,296	\$ 528,032,696	\$ 233,020,069	\$ 164,531

# CHANGES IN LEVEL 3 INVESTMENTS\* YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Beginning Balance Sales Unreali				realized*	Ending Balance		
Fixed-income investments Private placement	\$	4,150	\$		<del>-</del>		\$	4,150
Life insurance contracts  Total Level 3 fixed-income investments	\$	154,216 158,366	\$	-	\$	6,165 6,165	\$	160,381 164,531

<sup>\*</sup> Unrealized appreciation on Level 3 investments that continue to be held as of December 31, 2015 amounted to \$6,165. Unrealized gains on Level 3 investments are reflected within funds held for benefit of others in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

# FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Fixed-income investments	<b>6</b> 00 004 <del>7</del> 00	¢ 00.004.700	•	Φ.
Short-term investments and cash	\$ 30,321,739	\$ 30,321,739	\$ 121.027.005	\$
Corporate bonds	131,027,995	22 200 000	131,027,995	
U.S. Government and agency bonds Mortgage-backed securities	33,126,962 5,708,875	23,208,906	9,918,056 5,708,875	
	5,700,075		5,706,675	
International commingled fund - emerging	40.074.040		40.074.040	
markets debt	13,374,210		13,374,210	
Commingled fund - bank loans	27,057,212		27,057,212	4 150
Private placement Life insurance contracts	4,150 154,216			4,150 154,216
Total fixed-income investments	240,775,359	53,530,645	187,086,348	158,366
Equity investments	240,775,339	33,330,043	107,000,340	130,300
Mutual and commingled funds				
Domestic - small cap	12.970.862	12.970.862		
International - emerging markets	50,705,108	14,358,424	36,346,684	
Common stocks	00,700,700	14,000,424	00,040,004	
Domestic - large cap	212,087,964	212,087,964		
Domestic - large cap  Domestic - small cap	32,519,867	32,519,867		
International - developed markets	164,505,157	164,505,157		
Beyond Fossil Fuels - domestic markets	22,887,650	22,887,650		
Futures	76,579	22,007,000	76,579	
Total equity investments	495,753,187	459,329,924	36,423,263	
Alternative investments	400,100,101	+00,020,024	00,420,200	
Funds of hedge funds	34,048,951		34,048,951	
Macro index hedge fund	12,351,239		12,351,239	
Real estate trust fund	8,669,262		8,669,262	
Total alternative investments	55,069,452		55,069,452	
Total investments	\$ 791,597,998	\$ 512,860,569	\$ 278,579,063	\$ 158,366

#### CHANGES IN LEVEL 3 INVESTMENTS\* YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

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	Balance Sales				Unrealized*			Balance
Fixed-income investments								
Private placement	\$	4,150	\$		\$		\$	4,150
Life insurance contracts		145,397				8,819		154,216
Total Level 3 fixed-income investments	\$	149,547	\$	-	\$	8,819	\$	158,366

<sup>\*</sup> Unrealized appreciation on Level 3 investments that continue to be held as of December 31, 2014 amounted to \$8,819. Unrealized gains on Level 3 investments are reflected within funds held for benefit of others in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

#### 5. FUNDS HELD FOR BENEFIT OF OTHERS

UCF is the agent for third-party beneficiaries or the beneficiary of a number of split-interest agreements with donors. Some of these split-interest agreements are gift annuity contracts that provide that UCF shall pay to the designated beneficiaries an annual amount until the death of the designated beneficiaries. The payments continue even if the assets of the gift annuity fund have been exhausted. UCF records the assets received at fair value. UCF issues charitable gift annuity contracts in several states. The highest actuarially determined gift annuity reserve required under applicable state (New York) insurance laws as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$12,842,161 and \$13,801,693, respectively. These gift annuity reserve amounts do not represent liabilities to annuitants as they would be calculated under U.S. GAAP. The U.S. GAAP calculations would involve discount rates, mortality tables and other inputs that differ from inputs used for state insurance requirement calculations. Upon the death of the beneficiaries, the assets of the gift annuity fund are distributed by UCF in accordance with the agreements.

The assets of split-interest agreements related to a pooled income fund and charitable remainder trusts are included in the total assets and the related liabilities to lifetime and remainder third-party beneficiaries are classified as liabilities under split-interest agreements in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position. Under these agreements, UCF controls the donated assets and distributes to the donor or donor's designee a predetermined amount or percentage or, in the case of pooled income funds, all of the income generated from those assets until such time as stated in the agreement (usually upon the death of the donor or donor's designee). UCF will distribute to any third-party beneficiaries their respective remainder interests upon the death of the respective life income beneficiary and be able to use any portion of the gifts in which it has a beneficial interest.

Some states in which UCF issues charitable gift annuity contracts require UCF to register with the appropriate agencies of that state and to file reports with those agencies annually. In

addition, some states require UCF to hold a certain amount of unrestricted net assets or other reserves. UCF believes it has met all legal requirements in most states and that it has adequate reserves to meet all state requirements.

Ending

UCF manages certain investments on behalf of local congregations and other entities affiliated with the UCC and other faith-based organizations. Because UCF has no ownership of or residual interest in these investments, a liability equal to the fair value of the investments is included in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position as funds held for the benefit of others.

When UCF is named as trustee of an endowment fund to be held for the benefit of another charitable beneficiary, the fair value of the assets received is recorded at fair value and included in the assets of UCF. UCF also records an equal amount as a liability in funds held for benefit of others and the income is paid to the third-party beneficiary in accordance with the instructions of the donor.

## 6. NET ASSET CLASSIFICATIONS

The State of Connecticut adopted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (UPMIFA) effective October 1, 2007. UCF is registered in the State of Connecticut; however its offices are located and its business conducted in the State of New York. UPMIFA serves as a basis for the primary laws governing the investment and management of donor-restricted endowment funds held by not-for-profit organizations. The Board of Directors, the governing body of UCF, determined that the Richard and Helen Brown Endowment Fund meet the definition of endowment funds under the definition of UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, UCF considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

### 1. The duration and preservation of the fund

- 2. The purposes of UCF and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- 3. General economic conditions
- 4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- 5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- 6. Other resources of UCF
- 7. The investment policies of UCF.

Generally, if the corpus of an endowment must be maintained in perpetuity, it is classified as permanently restricted. The portion of the endowment not classified as permanently restricted is classified as temporarily restricted until appropriated for expenditure.

The donors of the Richard and Helen Brown Endowment Fund stipulated that the fund be used for pastoral scholarships. Based on this stipulation, the Board of Directors has designated the principal as permanently restricted net assets. The Board of Directors has set up specific guidelines and policies for the income available for distribution, administrative expenses and annual distributions criteria that would best serve the needs of the United Church of Christ pastoral scholarship support. The amount available for distribution is classified as temporarily restricted net assets. When an appropriation for expenditure occurs, the temporarily restricted net assets are released of the restriction.

**Endowment Investment and Spending Policies** 

UCF has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets based on the Board-approved guidelines and policies that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. UCF's spending and investment policies work together to achieve this objective. The investment policy establishes an achievable return objective through diversification of asset classes.

Effective January 1, 2013, the distribution from the Brown Endowment Fund is calculated as follows:

20% of the distribution is based on 5% of the 5-year moving average value of the endowment fund.

80% of the distribution is based on the prior year distribution indexed by the inflation rate.

The distribution for any year is limited to the prior year distribution indexed by the inflation rate.

All expenses for administration of the endowment fund as well as scholarships are paid from the amount available for distribution. Annual distributions are made in accordance with policy guidelines.

UCF targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters. This is consistent with UCF's objective to maintain the purchasing power of endowment assets.

# CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Unrestricted		 Temporarily restricted	ermanently restricted		Total
Endowment assets, beginning of year	\$	-	\$ 1,641,200	\$ 5,531,071	\$	7,172,271
Income earned on investments			70,545			70,545
Net realized gains on investments sold			8,342			8,342
Change in unrealized appreciation on investments			(105,649)			(105,649)
Endowment assets appropriated for			(,,			(,,
expenditure		408,015	(408,015)			
Grants paid from endowments		(408,015)	, , ,			(408,015)
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Net change in endowment assets			 (434,777)		_	(434,777)
Endowment assets, end of year	\$		\$ 1,206,423	\$ 5,531,071	\$	6,737,494

# COMPOSITION OF ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2015

Donor restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$	1,206,423	\$	5,531,071	\$	6,737,494
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## CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Unrestricted		Temporari Unrestricted restricted		Permanently restricted			Total
Endowment assets, beginning of year	\$	-	\$	1,692,044	\$	5,530,347	\$	7,222,391
Contributions Income earned on investments Net realized gains on investments sold				82,726 1.777.050		724		724 82,726 1,777,050
Change in unrealized appreciation on investments Endowment assets appropriated for				(1,598,359)				(1,598,359)
expenditure Grants paid from endowments		312,261 (312,261)		(312,261)				(312,261)
Net change in endowment assets		-	_	(50,844)		724	_	(50,120)
Endowment assets, end of year	\$		\$	1,641,200	\$	5,531,071	\$	7,172,271

# COMPOSITION OF ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Unre	estricted	T	emporarily	P	ermanently	 Total
Donor restricted endowment funds	\$		\$	1,641,200	\$	5,531,071	\$ 7,172,271

#### 7. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for pastoral scholarships. During 2015 and 2014, temporarily restricted net assets were released in the amounts of \$408,015 and \$312,261, respectively, representing payments of pastoral scholarships.

# 8. PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets represent contributions made into the Richard and Helen Brown Endowment for Pastoral Scholarships.

## 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A portion of the operating expenses is incurred and billed to UCF by the Pension Boards, a related entity of the UCC. Such expenses are allocated on the basis of formulae, which are approved by the respective Boards of Trustees/Directors. Rent is allocated based upon square footage occupied. The total of such costs allocated by or paid to the Pension Boards in 2015 and 2014 was approximately \$1,573,000 and \$1,557,000,

respectively. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, amounts due to the Pension Boards of approximately \$135,000 and \$211,000, respectively, are included in accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

The Board of Directors includes people who are employed by investing institutions and UCF's President is on the board of other investing institutions.

#### 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

UCF evaluated events and transactions occurring between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016, which is the date that the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued, for disclosure and recognition in the consolidated financial statements.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# **SCHEDULE A**

# UNITED CHURCH FUNDS, INC.

### **COMMON INVESTMENT FUNDS**

# Schedules of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances

December 31, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS	2015			2014
Cash and cash equivalents, net of unsettled investment	_	222.55	_	4 004 ==0
transactions	\$	866,552	\$	1,031,773
Investments		759,327,012		789,538,350
Accrued investment income		2,488,158		2,451,858
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	762,681,722	\$	793,021,981
LIABILITIES				
Payable to United Church Funds, Inc.	\$	343,687	\$	385,113
Accrued expenses		566,501		646,380
TOTAL LIABILITIES		910,188		1,031,493
FUND BALANCES				
Income account		(237,968)		(211,903)
Investors' principal account		762,009,502		792,202,391
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		761,771,534		791,990,488
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	762,681,722	\$	793,021,981
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The above schedules reflect the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the funds held in UCF's Common Investment Funds. The Common Investment Funds hold investments for the funds held under split-interest agreements, endowments held for others and UCF's assets. The total fund balances not included in these categories (\$684,894,080 and \$709,863,542 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively) are included in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as funds held for benefit of others-UCF Common Investment Funds. Cash and cash equivalents that UCF holds for the benefit of others are reported as investments in UCF's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. Changes in fund balances are shown on the following page.

Note: Changes have been made to the 2014 presentation to conform to the current year presentation.

# **COMMON INVESTMENT FUNDS**

# **Schedules of Changes in Fund Balances**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

Income Account	2015	2014
INCOME AND EXPENSES		
Income earned on investments	\$ 15,299,484	\$ 16,414,548
Management fee paid to UCF operating fund	(6,424,249)	(6,341,422)
Net investment income	8,875,235	10,073,126
DISTRIBUTIONS TO INVESTORS		
Income paid to investors	937,732	1,771,963
Income used to purchase additional units	7,963,568	8,863,803
Total distributions to investors	8,901,300	10,635,766
DECREASE IN FUND BALANCES	(26,065)	(562,640)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	(211,903)	350,737
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ (237,968)	\$ (211,903)
Investors' Principal Account		
INVESTORS ACTIVITY		
Purchase of units of participation	\$ 33,420,804	\$ 42,482,677
Income used to purchase additional units	7,963,568	8,863,803
Liquidation of units of participation	(47,846,087)	(58,535,746)
NET DECREASE IN UNITS OF PARTICIPATION	(6,461,715)	(7,189,266)
INVESTMENT ACTIVITY		
Investment expenses charged against principal	(275,270)	(478,612)
Net realized gains on investments sold	10,049,441	54,303,276
Change in unrealized appreciation on investments	(33,505,345)	(34,269,743)
NET INVESTMENT ACTIVITY	(23,731,174)	19,554,921
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN FUND BALANCES	(30,192,889)	12,365,655
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	792,202,391	779,836,736
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 762,009,502	\$ 792,202,391

Note: Changes have been made to the 2014 presentation to conform to the current year presentation.

# SCHEDULE B

# UNITED CHURCH FUNDS, INC.

# **SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENT FUNDS**

# Schedules of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances

December 31, 2015 and 2014

2015										2014
ASSETS	Gift Annuity Fund			Pooled Income Fund		Charitable Remainder Trusts		Total		Total
Cash Investment in UCF Common	\$	340,440	\$	2,665	\$	118,952	\$	462,057	\$	441,076
Investment Funds (CIF)		11,100,075		1,633,282		8,103,944		20,837,301		23,179,686
Other investments		160,381		1		4,790		165,172		181,653
Accrued investment income		18,044		6,266		16,346		40,656		61,837
TOTAL ASSETS		11,618,940		1,642,214		8,244,032		21,505,186		23,864,252
LIABILITIES  Accrued income payable to										
participants TOTAL LIABILITIES				6,266 6,266				6,266 6,266		8,355 8,355
FUND BALANCES	\$	11,618,940	\$	1,635,948	\$	8,244,032	\$	21,498,920	\$	23,855,897

The amounts shown above as Fund Balances represent the liabilities payable to life-income and remainder beneficiaries under split-interest agreements. Changes in these balances appear on the following page.

# **SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENT FUNDS**

**Schedules of Changes in Fund Balances**For the Year Ended December 31, 2015 with
Summarized Financial Information for 2014

				201	5					2014		
		,		Pooled Income Charitable Fund Remainder Trusts Total				Total		Total		Total
REVENUES  Received from participants	\$	1,666,959	\$	76	\$	2.418	\$	1,669,453	\$	692,946		
Income earned on CIF	Φ	1,000,939	Ф	70	Φ	2,410	Φ	1,009,455	Ф	092,940		
investments		116,064		29,174		108,765		254,003		332,076		
Income earned on other investments										697		
TOTAL REVENUES		1,783,023		29,250		111,183		1,923,456		1,025,719		
EVDENCES												
EXPENSES  Administration of Planned												
Giving Funds		104,898		15,682		118,383		238,963		251,495		
TOTAL EXPENSES		104,898		15,682		118,383		238,963		251,495		
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS												
Annuities paid		1,600,912						1,600,912		1,664,950		
Payments to life income		.,,.						.,,.		1,221,222		
beneficiaries				38,260		557,475		595,735		751,752		
Payments to charitable remainder beneficiaries		578,100		115,466		496,380		1,189,946		725,569		
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO	_	376,100		113,400		490,300	_	1,109,940		725,509		
PARTICIPANTS		2,179,012		153,726		1,053,855	_	3,386,593		3,142,271		
INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES)												
Net realized gains on CIF												
investments sold		700,007		17,605		232,901		950,513		1,170,467		
Net realized gains (losses) on other		445 440				(00,000)		05.705		440.000		
investments sold Change in unrealized appreciation		115,113				(29,328)		85,785		119,283		
on CIF investments		(1,127,104)		(73,901)		(519,266)		(1,720,271)		(754,743)		
Change in unrealized appreciation		0.405				00.004		00.000		7.000		
on other investments NET INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES)		6,165 (305,819)		(56,296)		22,931 (292,762)		29,096 (654,877)	•	7,068 542,075		
(DECREASE) IN FUND		(505,615)		(30,230)		(232,102)		(004,011)	-	542,015		
BALANCES		(806,706)		(196,454)		(1,353,817)		(2,356,977)		(1,825,972)		
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	12,425,646	\$	1,832,402	\$	9,597,849	\$	23,855,897		25,681,869		
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FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$	11,618,940	\$	1,635,948	\$	8,244,032	\$	21,498,920	\$	23,855,897		
COMPOSITION OF FUND BALANCES												
Held for the benefit of United Church												
Funds, Inc.							\$	79,179	\$	77,091		
Held for the benefit of other charitable								24 440 744		00 770 000		
remainder beneficiaries TOTAL FUND BALANCES							\$	21,419,741 21,498,920	\$	23,778,806 23,855,897		
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