

Presbytery of Northern New York

Investment Policy

Preface

By the authority of the Presbytery of Northern New York, the Trustees are given the responsibility for investing all of the funds which are received and are to be managed by the Presbytery. It is understood that the Presbytery also gives the Trustees the authority to design an Investment Policy for adoption by the Presbytery and to recommend changes where appropriate in that policy.

Investment Objectives

It will be the investment goal of the Presbytery of Northern New York to maximize the return on investment by following the guidelines set forth in this policy statement, while maintaining a prudent level of investment risk. A further goal is to combine effective economic judgment with regard as Christians, for social, ethical and justice concerns as enunciated by the Presbytery of Northern New York. It will be the responsibility of the Trustees to protect the principal of the investments of the Presbytery of Northern New York while at the same time taking whatever steps necessary to achieve reasonable growth. The reasonable growth objective shall be waived in the case of funds restricted by directive. The objective for the funds is to preserve principal. Funds restricted by the Presbytery shall not be invaded except under extraordinary circumstances and then only by action of the Presbytery.

Investment Limitations

The Presbytery of Northern New York investments under control of the Trustees may be held in the Equity Market, the Bond and Note Market, Individual or Organizational Loans, (approved by the Trustees), Cash Equivalent Money Market Funds, Bank Deposits, or Mutual Funds. Non-Interest bearing cash balances are to be kept to a minimum. The majority of the market value of the portfolio shall be held in mutual fund vehicles.

Income Distribution

The earnings and appreciation shall be used as follows in order of Priority:

- A. Budget Support
No more than 5% of the portfolio value from total return will be used to support the Presbytery of Northern New York's annual budget if necessary. Additional investment income may be used to support the Presbytery's annual budget at the recommendation of the Trustees, if not required to meet other priorities in this policy.
- B. Appreciation of Principal
The remainder of income and return on investment shall be applied to the funds so as to maintain an appreciation of value of the investments at least equal to the average inflation rate for the last three years. In years where the inflation rate cannot be matched, every effort will be made in future years to overcome what was not matched in previous years including losses in principal value caused by market conditions.