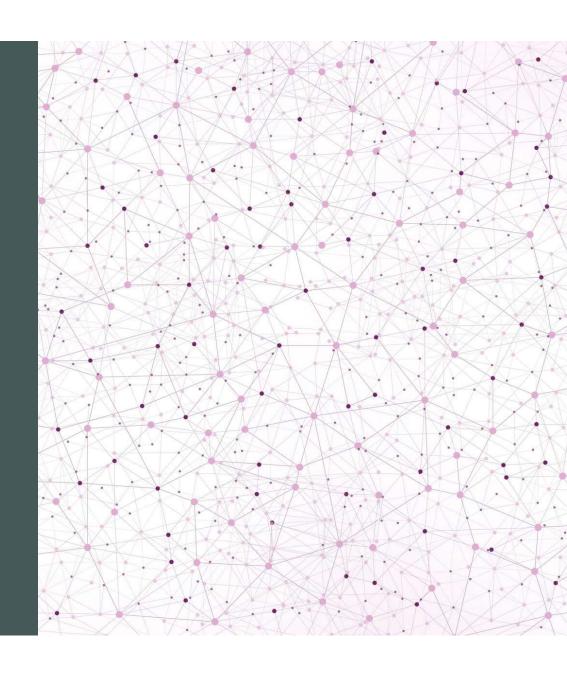
# Buda UMC Permanent Endowment Fund

Current Fund Construction and Proposed Modifications

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## **Endowment Fund History**

The Buda UMC Permanent Endowment Fund was established on June 3, 2008.

The value of this account as of February, 2025 was approximately \$8200.

The fund is held at Texas Methodist Foundation and is currently earning less than 1% per year. No distributions have ever been made.

How can the Fund's purpose and investments be modified to provide the best value to the Church.

## Original Endowment Fund Purpose

Fund special missions, experimental ministries, scholarships and unusual expenses.

Specifically excluded from funding the Church's operating budget.

#### Modified Endowment Fund Purpose

Fund's earnings feed into the Church's operating budget.

This would allow the church more flexibility in navigating periods or declining or rising revenues

## Original Investment and Distribution Objective

Preserve principal, generate income at a reasonable rate, grow income above the cost of living and uphold the social principles of the Church.

Target distribution between 3% and 5% annually.

#### Modified Investment and Distribution Objective

Grow the fund above the target distribution rate while minimizing risk.

Target distribution of 4% annually. This would give the Church a known amount of funds each year.

## Original Investment and Distribution Objective

The Permanent Endowment Fund was created in a different interest rate environment. It is currently not possible to preserve principal, take a 3% to 5% annual distribution while growing income above inflation.

#### Modified Investment and Distribution Objective

Base upon historical performances, achieving a target distribution rate of 4% annually is possible with a portfolio of stocks and bonds while also minimizing risk – although there will still be risk of loss of principal.