

Investment Advisory Committee Members

Richard (Rick) Bauzenberger, Chairperson

Member – North Shore Congregational Church, Fox Point, WI.

Nichols College - BBA degree

His early professional career was with the trust departments of Fidelity Bank (Wells Fargo), Mellon Bank (Bank of New York Mellon), Marine Trust/Bank One (Chase Bank), and Marshall & Ilsley Bank (Harris Bank). From 1997-2007 Rick was the principal of his own investment firm, LakeShore Investment Management, where he served as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Registered Investment Advisor.

Douglas (Doug) Loux

Member – Florence Congregational Church, Florence, MA

University of Massachusetts – BA and MBA degrees

Doug served as an Operations Supervisor and Area Systems Coordinator at the Social Security Administration, from which he retired in 2008. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Connecticut Fellowship's Ecclesiastical Society.

Keith L Naeve

Member Plymouth Congregational Church, Racine, WI

Iowa State University - BS degree in Mechanical Engineering

Keith began his professional career working for a gas utility company in Southeastern Wisconsin after which he formed his current business as a national engineering consultant specializing in gas-related fires and explosions.

Richard (Dick) Peterson

Member – Faith Community Church, Franklin, WI

University of Illinois, BS degree – Electrical Engineering, New York University – MS degree, Electrical Engineering

Dick began his professional career as a member of the tech staff at Bell Labs. He served as a Registered Rep. from 1968 to 1981 and as a Registered Investment Advisor from 1981 to 2005.

Rev Michael (Mike) Robertson

Member and Pastor – First Church of Squantum, Squantum, MA

Harvard Business School, Advanced Management Program

Mike was President, CEO and CFO of a number of private companies, 1957-1991. From 1991 to 1997 Mike was NACCC Executive Secretary after which he founded the Community Faith Alliance, Milwaukee Wisconsin in 1997.

Michael (Mike) Roos

Member – North Shore Congregational Church, Fox Point, WI

Cornell College – BA degree, Harvard Business School – MBA degree

Mike's early professional career was with Fidelity Investments, Strong Capital Management, Citibank, and Metropolitan Life. Currently he is Managing Director of Artisan Partners Limited Partnership, a Milwaukee-based investment firm managing \$58 billion dollars in equity assets.

Richard (Dick) Stanley

Member – North Shore Congregational Church, Fox Point, WI

Dartmouth – BA degree, Cornell – MBA degree

Dick started his career with Smith Barney He later was with Heritage Investments, Milwaukee, followed by U.S. Bancorp. Dick received his Chartered Financial Analyst Certification (CFA).

James (Jim) H. Walsh

Member – First Congregational Church, Wauwatosa, WI

University of Wisconsin – BBA degree in Accounting

Jim was with Arthur Andersen & Co. for 37 years (25 as a partner). He served for ten years as our Association's treasurer.

How are your investments doing?

we invite your church to participate in...

The Congregational Investment Trust

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What is the Congregational Investment Trust (CIT)?

The CIT was created in 1991 as an endowment trust for donor gifts and contributions to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Several years later the Trust was reconstituted as a separate 501(c)(3) organization and opened to member churches as a vehicle for their endowment gifts. Endowment gifts are long-term by definition and are invested to preserve the purchasing power of gifts made. The CIT pursues this investment objective through a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, and alternative investments, using a moderately balanced allocation of approximately 60/40 (stocks/fixed income). The Trust should not be used as a short-term or money market vehicle as principal values will fluctuate.

How is the CIT different?

One important difference is the **multiple levels** of supervision and management of assets. The **first level** is the management of fund assets by investment specialists (fund portfolio managers) selected to maximize the financial return in their defined style of management. For equities, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are used. For the fixed income portion, Associated Wealth Management, Green Bay, Wisconsin, serves as the manager. The **second level** of management is the selection and monitoring of equity funds/ETFs by the professional investment advisor, Associated Wealth Management, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The **third level** is pure supervision by a group of individuals from member churches from across the country. These individuals, most of whom have backgrounds and experience serving as corporate fiduciaries, oversee the CIT program by reviewing reports and meeting with the investment advisor quarterly. These multiple levels of management and supervision provide a discipline over the investment process to insure against unnecessary risk to the assets entrusted to the CIT.

Another difference is the institutional nature of the portfolio. Using multiple investment specialists to maximize return without taking on unnecessary risk is a strategy few individual churches have the skill or money to pursue. Also, some of the funds that are employed have minimum deposits of \$1,000,000 or more. Generally speaking, institutional investing offers greater access to investment specialists and lower fees.

A third difference is the availability of two investment options: **Total Return Portfolio** and **Socially Aware Portfolio**. While the Total Return Portfolio places no social restrictions on investments, the Socially Aware Portfolio focuses on both financial return and social good. In the latter Portfolio, The Investment Advisor selects funds it believes favor environmental stewardship, consumer protection, human rights and diversity.

What benefits does the CIT offer?

1. Multiple investment managers/specialists not always available to individual churches
2. Competitive, often lower, cost structure
3. Selection of funds by Professional Investment Advisor
4. Consistent fiduciary oversight by experienced Investment Advisory Committee

How will we have access to our funds invested in the CIT?

The custodian, Associated Wealth Management, values all accounts on the last business day of each month. The custodian must receive requests for withdrawals, either partial or complete, no later than the last business day of the month for the distribution to occur as of that month-end valuation. In addition, a predetermined dollar amount can be distributed on a regular basis. Generally, all distributions will be made within seven business days following the month-end valuation. Requests for distributions must be received in writing, regular mail or by email, by the custodian, Associated Wealth Management, Attn. Peggy Bast, 330 E. Kilbourn Ave., Suite 375, Milwaukee, WI 53202, peggy.bast@associatedbank.com.

How is our account balance reported?

Participating churches will have a separate account balance for each fund it wishes to maintain. There is, however, a minimum initial balance of \$2,500 and a minimum account balance of \$1,000. Statements as of each calendar quarter end will be mailed/emailed to the church.

What are the costs and how are they paid?

All fees and expenses to include mutual fund fees (expense ratios), recordkeeping, custodial, investment management, and investment advisory are charged against the earnings of the Trust and thus shared proportionally by all accounts. Total fees, including imbedded mutual fund fees, are about 80 basis points, or .80% of the market value of the Trust. The latest *Investment Summary Report* will provide you a current expense ratio for the Portfolio.

How do we participate?

The church must adopt the *Congregational Investment Trust Adoption Agreement* and execute the *Account Registration Form*. These forms can be obtained from the NACCC office by calling Dan Drea at 800-262-1620 or emailing him at ddrea@nacc.org.

Who can I call if I have any questions?

For all administrative questions, including questions about forms or statements, call Dan Drea at the NACCC office 800-262-1620, ext 14. For all investment questions, please call Rick Bauzenberger, Investment Advisory Committee Chair at 262-241-0852.