

## NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

### Introduction:

North Presbyterian Church has various monies entrusted to it for a variety of purposes; some very specific and some quite open-ended. This policy statement is intended to provide guidelines for the investment decisions that are made for the discretionary funds held by North Church, and to recommend strategies and actions whereby the Church's investment activity may serve its mission objectives. This statement is directed to both the Church institution and the individual members of North Presbyterian Church.

### PREMISE:

The premise of this policy statement is that we are stewards, not owners, of property and wealth given by God, and that every investment therefore has an ethical dimension.

### GOALS:

Our primary goal is to match effective investment management with imaginative and efficient allocation of resources to programs that contribute positively to a Christian concept of humanity's well-being.

It is further our goal to raise the consciousness of all who interact with North Church regarding theological, social and ethical investment responsibilities.

### CRITERIA FOR INVESTMENTS:

Our primary criteria for church investments include the pursuit of peace, racial justice, economic and social justice, the equality of opportunity for women, and the establishment of environmental responsibility. We will refuse to invest in companies that violate our ethical standards and seek out companies/investments that enhance the quality of life in some way. It is understood that there is a balance that must be maintained between the fiduciary responsibility of the Church to receive a reasonable return on invested funds as well as a moral responsibility to avoid socially irresponsible investments and to seek out socially effective ones.

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES REFLECT THE INVESTMENT POLICIES FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AT NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (NPC).

### Guideline I:

It shall be the policy of NPC not to invest in the common stocks of corporations:

- A)\* That are among the leading military contractors or those who are dependant on military contracts for a substantial portion of their business.
- B)\* That manufacture key nuclear components for nuclear warheads.
- C) That violate our ethical standards (e.g. pollution, South Africa).

\* Based upon the most recent publication of Guidelines for Military-Related Investment, List of Corporations Affected, published by the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Guideline II:

It shall be the policy of NPC to seek out investments which are dedicated to socially responsible causes and that provide suitable rates of return. Examples of socially responsible funds include:

- A) Dreyfus Third Century Fund  
(Environmental protection, consumer protection; does not exclude liquor producers, defense contractors or South Africa)
- B) Calvert Social Investment Fund  
("seeks to provide an economic return to its investors and an economic and social return to society that will contribute to the quality of life for all")
- C) Pax World Mutual Fund
- D) Working Assets Group
- E) New Alternatives Fund
- F) Parnassus Fund
- G) Municipal bonds targeted to socially responsible ends
- H) Selected issues to stocks or bonds of companies that supply basic human needs

Guideline III:

It shall be the policy of NPC to invest approximately 10 percent of available discretionary funds into "alternative investments" that actively pursue socially effective programs (e.g. low-income housing construction). It is expected that a below market rate of return will be received on these invested funds. Examples of these targeted investment funds include:

- A) Local Community Development Loan Funds (i.e. Jubilee Fund)  
(provide investors with an opportunity to create jobs, build low-income housing and support small and minority business development in our own community while realizing a modest return)
- B) Regional or National Community Development Loan Funds

Conclusions:

The aforementioned guidelines are intended to ensure that a reasonable balance is maintained between the fiduciary, ethical and mission responsibilities of North Presbyterian Church.