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Investment Topics



Institutional Investment Services

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About Wespath

Wespath

An agency of
The United Methodist Church



Founded in 1908



Largest reporting
faith-based pension fund



Sustainable
investment leader



Nearly \$24 billion in assets
under management*

*Assets under management of Wespath and its subsidiaries, as of September 30, 2023.

Investment Team (and Support Staff) Organizational Chart



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Investment Analytics
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Investment Analytics
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Our Investment Commitment to You





Investing With Us

WII's Fundamentals of Investing



Investment Beliefs Guide Our Philosophy



Sustainability Incorporated Throughout



Fund Construction

- Innovative low-carbon solutions
- Affordable housing and community development
- Women and/or minority-owned asset managers



Engagement Activities

- Corporate engagement
- Proxy voting
- Public policy engagement



Manager Research

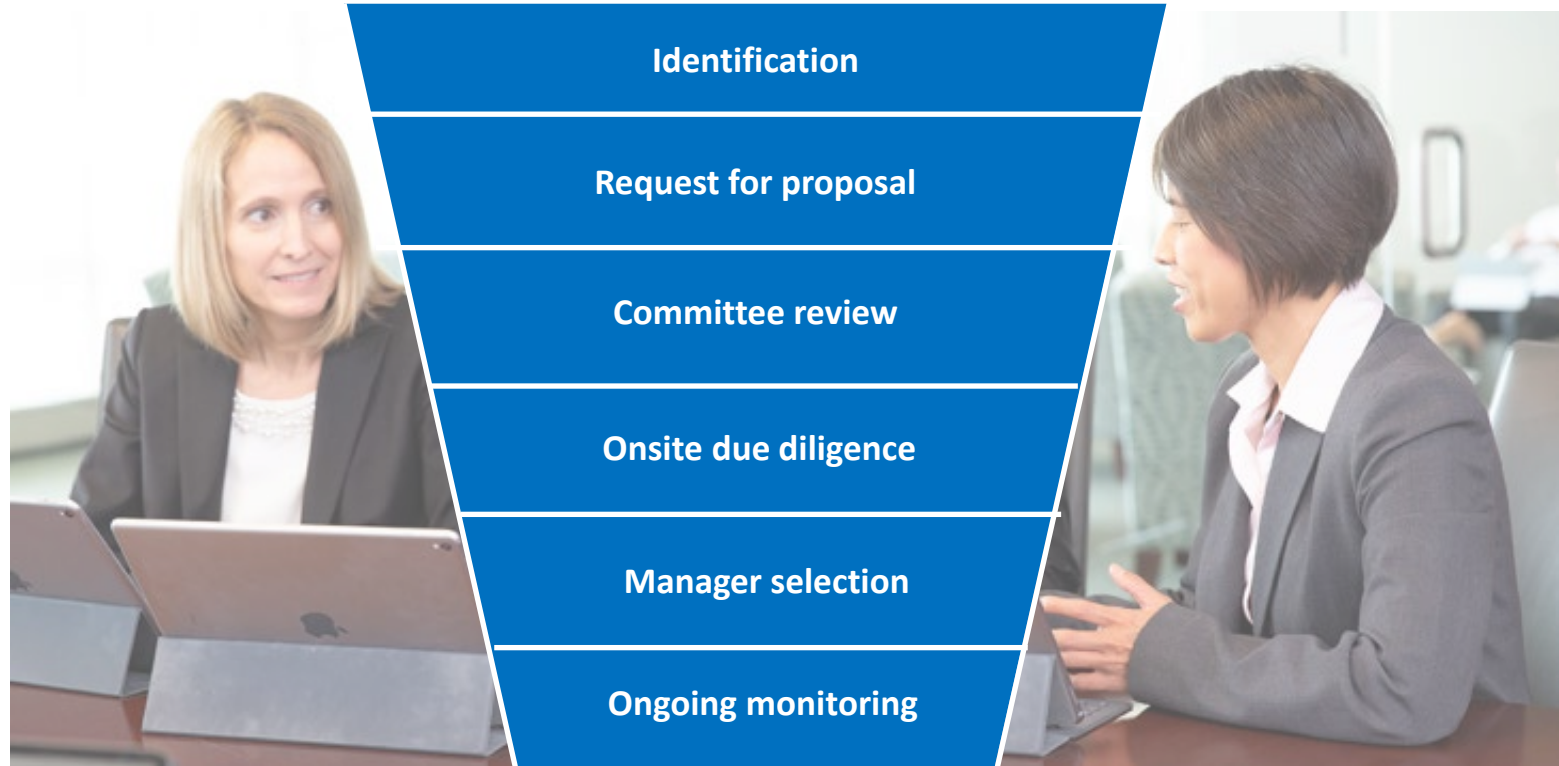
- Proprietary ESG appraisal process
- Investment manager rankings



Industry Leadership

- Co-author and signatory to the UNPRI
- Co-lead of Engagement and Communications tracks of Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance
- Board Member of ICCR
- UNPRI Stewardship Advisory Committee
- SASB Standards Investor Advisory Group
- Co-Lead of four focus companies within Climate Action 100+
- PRI Leaders Group (2019)

Search and Selection— Uncovering the Best Managers



Our Investment Managers Are Aligned With Your Values

Industry Leaders

J.P.Morgan



PIMCO



Low-Carbon Solutions

\$2.6 billion
invested in low-carbon
solutions

BLACKROCK

IMPAX Asset Management

WELLINGTON
MANAGEMENT®

Women- and/or Minority-Owned

\$1.2 billion
invested with women
and/or minority-owned
asset managers

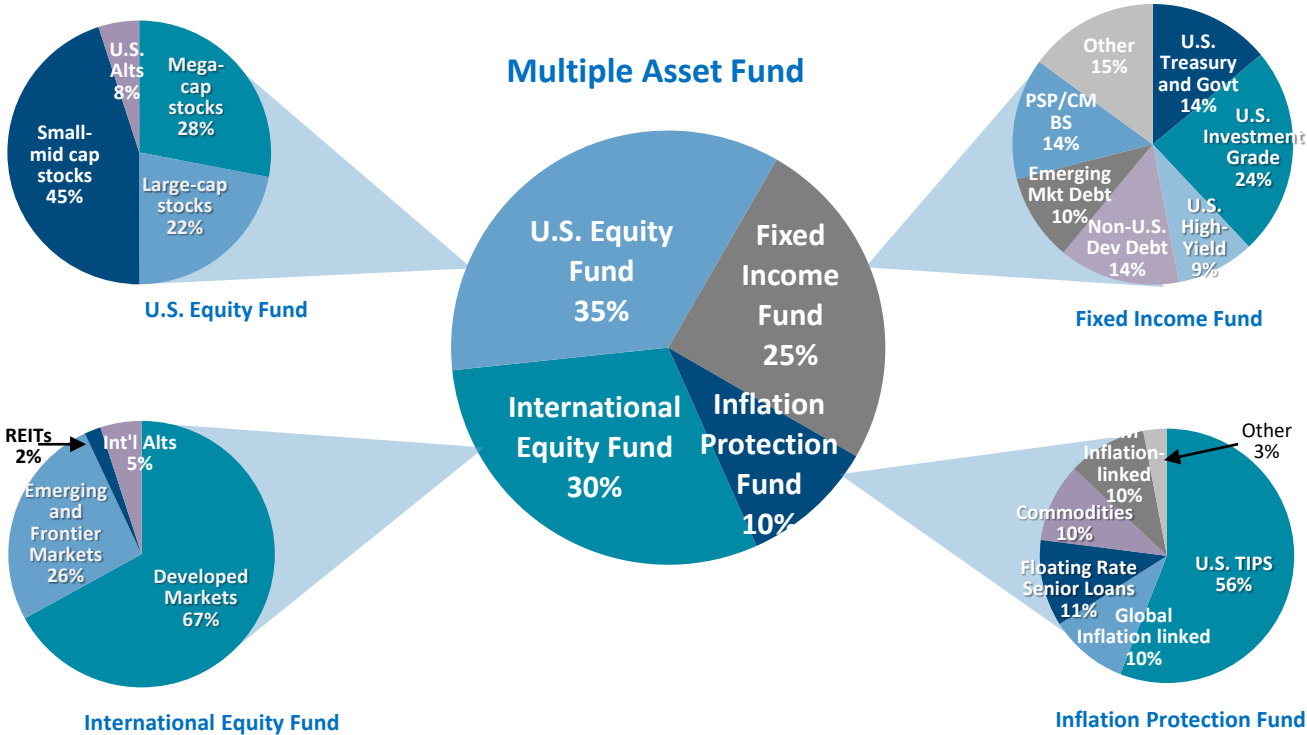
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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

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As of June 30, 2023. Includes the assets under management that Wespath and its subsidiaries, including Wespath Institutional Investments, manage on behalf of participants and United Methodist-related institutional investors.

Flagship Balanced Portfolio—Multiple Asset Fund



Preliminary data as of September 30, 2023 . Future asset allocations may be different than those stated above.

Fund Performance (Net-of-Fees) as of September 30, 2023

Funds	MTD	QTD	YTD	Annualized				Since Inception ¹
				1-Year	3-Years	5-Years	10-Years	
Multiple Asset Fund	-3.51%	-3.45%	4.98%	12.81%	2.51%	4.40%	5.71%	6.64%
Multiple Asset Fund Benchmark	-3.35%	-2.97%	5.83%	13.76%	3.28%	4.61%	6.02%	6.42%
U.S. Equity Fund	-4.43%	-3.30%	10.84%	18.53%	8.38%	8.18%	10.35%	7.59%
U.S. Equity Fund Benchmark	-4.76%	-3.25%	12.39%	20.46%	9.38%	9.14%	11.28%	7.93%
International Equity Fund	-4.23%	-5.55%	2.84%	17.53%	0.24%	2.38%	3.38%	5.70%
International Equity Fund Benchmark	-3.24%	-3.49%	5.30%	20.19%	3.77%	2.57%	3.48%	4.74%
Fixed Income Fund	-2.03%	-2.00%	1.07%	3.70%	-3.52%	0.93%	1.83%	4.46%
Fixed Income Fund Benchmark	-2.15%	-2.52%	-0.12%	2.15%	-4.56%	0.67%	1.68%	4.07%
Inflation Protection Fund	-1.78%	-1.52%	0.75%	3.39%	1.54%	2.80%	2.12%	3.46%
Inflation Protection Fund Benchmark	-1.73%	-1.88%	-0.47%	0.67%	-1.12%	1.80%	2.25%	3.71%

Historical returns are not indicative of future performance. Please refer to the disclosures at the end of this presentation for fund inception dates and benchmark information.

1. The inception for the Multiple Asset Fund is April 30, 2002, for the Inflation Protection Fund it is January 5, 2004 and for the remaining funds it is December 31, 1997.

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The returns will be reduced by the amount of fees and expenses charged to the funds. As part of the Wespath organization, WII and Benefit Board utilize certain shared personnel, including the WBI investment team. All WII shared personnel must comply in all respects with WII's policies and procedures.

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The investments of the funds and composites may vary substantially from those in the applicable benchmark. The benchmarks are based on broad-based securities market indices, which are unmanaged, cannot be invested in and are not subject to fees and expenses typically associated with investment funds. Investments cannot be made directly in an index.

Fee Disclosures

The returns will be reduced by the amount of fees and expenses charged to the funds. A fund’s expense ratio is based on projected asset balances, fees and expenses, and various other assumptions. Fund expense ratios may vary depending on, among other things, market events, portfolio size, transaction costs, timing of fund inflows and outflows, and applicable third-party fees. All fees and expenses of a fund are deducted from the fund’s net asset value. These expenses are paid directly by the fund and are reflected in the unit price calculated for the fund.

For the I Series funds: The fees and expenses paid include the fund’s subadvisor fees and any other direct expenses, and its pro rata portion of the expenses incurred by Wespath and its subsidiaries to provide investment, administrative and operating support for all I Series funds. The fees and expenses for the I Series funds are described more fully in the Investment Funds Description – I Series.

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Fund Benchmark Disclosures

Fixed Income Fund Benchmark: The benchmark is the Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index (excluding Mortgage Backed Securities), effective August 24, 2016. The index consists of the U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, the U.S. High-Yield Corporate Index, the 144A Index, the Eurodollar Index, the Emerging Markets Index and the non-ERISA portion of the CMBS Index. Non-dollar denominated issues are excluded from the index. The benchmark was the Barclays U.S. Universal Index (excluding mortgage-backed securities), formerly the Lehman U.S. Universal Index (excluding mortgage-backed securities), from January 1, 2006 to August 23, 2016. From January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2005 the benchmark was the Lehman U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Prior to January 1, 2003, the benchmark had been the Lehman Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index.

Inflation Protection Fund Benchmark: The Inflation Protection Fund performance benchmark is 90% Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index and 10% Bloomberg Commodity Index, effective February 1, 2023. The Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index measures the investment performance of the U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) market. The Bloomberg Commodity Index measures the investment performance of a broadly diversified portfolio of futures contracts on physical commodities. From January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2023, the benchmark was 80% Bloomberg World Government Inflation Linked Bond Index (Hedged), 10% Bloomberg Emerging Market Tradeable Inflation Linked Bond Index (Unhedged) and 10% Bloomberg Commodity Index. Prior to January 1, 2016, the benchmark was the Bloomberg U.S. Government Inflation Linked Bond (Series B) Index.

International Equity Fund: The inception date for the International Equity Fund is December 31, 1997. The International Equity Fund performance benchmark is the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) ex USA Investable Market Index (IMI), effective January 1, 2008. The index measures the performance of equities of companies domiciled in developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S. From January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007, the benchmark was the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index. Prior to 2006, the benchmark was the MSCI EAFE Index.

Multiple Asset Fund Benchmark: The benchmark is the 35% Russell 3000 Index, 30% MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) ex-USA Investable Market Index (IMI) Net, 25% Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index ex-Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) and 10% Inflation Protection Fund (IPF) Benchmark, effective January 1, 2017. The IPF Benchmark consists of 90% Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index and 10% Bloomberg Commodity Index. From January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, the benchmark for MAF was 40% Russell 3000 Index, 25% MSCI ACWI ex-USA IMI Net, 25% Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index ex-MBS, and 10% IPF Benchmark. From January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015, the benchmark for MAF was 40% Russell 3000 Index, 25% MSCI ACWI ex-USA IMI Net, 25% Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index ex-MBS, and 10% Bloomberg U.S. Government Inflation Linked Bond Index. From January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2013, the benchmark was 45% Russell 3000 Index, 20% MSCI ACWI ex-USA IMI Net, 25% Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index MBS and 10% Bloomberg U.S. Government Inflation Linked Bond Index. Prior to January 1, 2006, the benchmark was 47% Russell 3000 Index, 15% MSCI EAFE Index, 3% MSCI Emerging Markets Index and 35% Lehman Brothers U.S. Universal Index.

U.S. Equity Fund Benchmark: The benchmark is the Russell 3000 Index. The index measures the investment performance of the 3,000 largest (based on total market value) U.S. companies, representing approximately 98% of the publicly traded companies available for investment in the U.S. equity market.



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