



# Socially Responsible Investing

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# About the General Board of Pension

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- Socially Responsible Investor active in shareholder advocacy, proxy voting and portfolio screening consistent with the values of the United Methodist Church
- Administers health and pension program for over 74,000 active and retired clergy and lay employees
- Largest faith-based pension fund in the U.S.
- Among the top 100 pension plans in the country

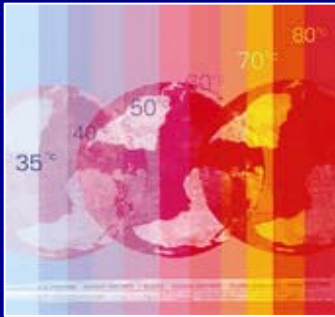
# Social Responsible Investing (SRI)

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- Shareholder Advocacy
- Strategic Partnerships
- Integrating ESG into Investment Decisions
- Emerging Manager Program
- Positive Social Purpose Investments
- Portfolio Screening
- Proxy Voting

# Shareholder Advocacy

## Areas of Focus



Climate Change



Sustainability  
Reporting



Labor Standards/  
Human Rights



HIV/AIDS



Protection of  
Water Resources



Corporate  
Governance



Food Safety



Predatory  
Lending

# Shareholder Advocacy Process

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- Identify issues outlined in Church polity on ESG
- Direct written communications to companies
- Hold meetings and conference calls (dialogue)
- File shareholder resolutions

# Strategic Partnerships - Key Partners

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- Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- CERES
- Social Investment Forum
- United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment

# Emerging Manager Program

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- Women-Owned Managers: Daruma Asset Management, Hoover Investment Management, GKM Newport, Seix Investment Advisors, Zevenbergen Capital Management
- Racial/Ethnic-Owned Managers: Brown, LM Capital

# Positive Social Purpose Investments

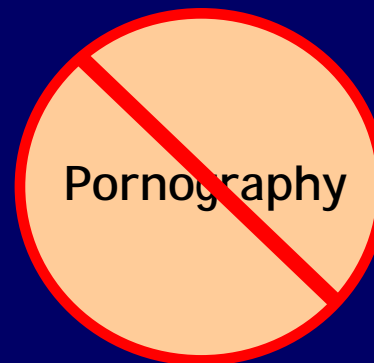
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- Investments established in 1990-\$25 million; today \$900 million
- 2008-\$177,009,365 in 86 individual loans
- Affordable Housing - 2,972 units
- Community Development - 16 charter school loans
- Microfinance - \$50 million



# Portfolio Screening

10% of Revenue Test



# Proxy Voting

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- As an active shareowner, the General Board annually votes over 3000 domestic and global proxies
- The General Board has established proxy voting guidelines that inform how a third party vendor executes the votes
- Proxy voting record is publicly available on the General Board's web site



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