

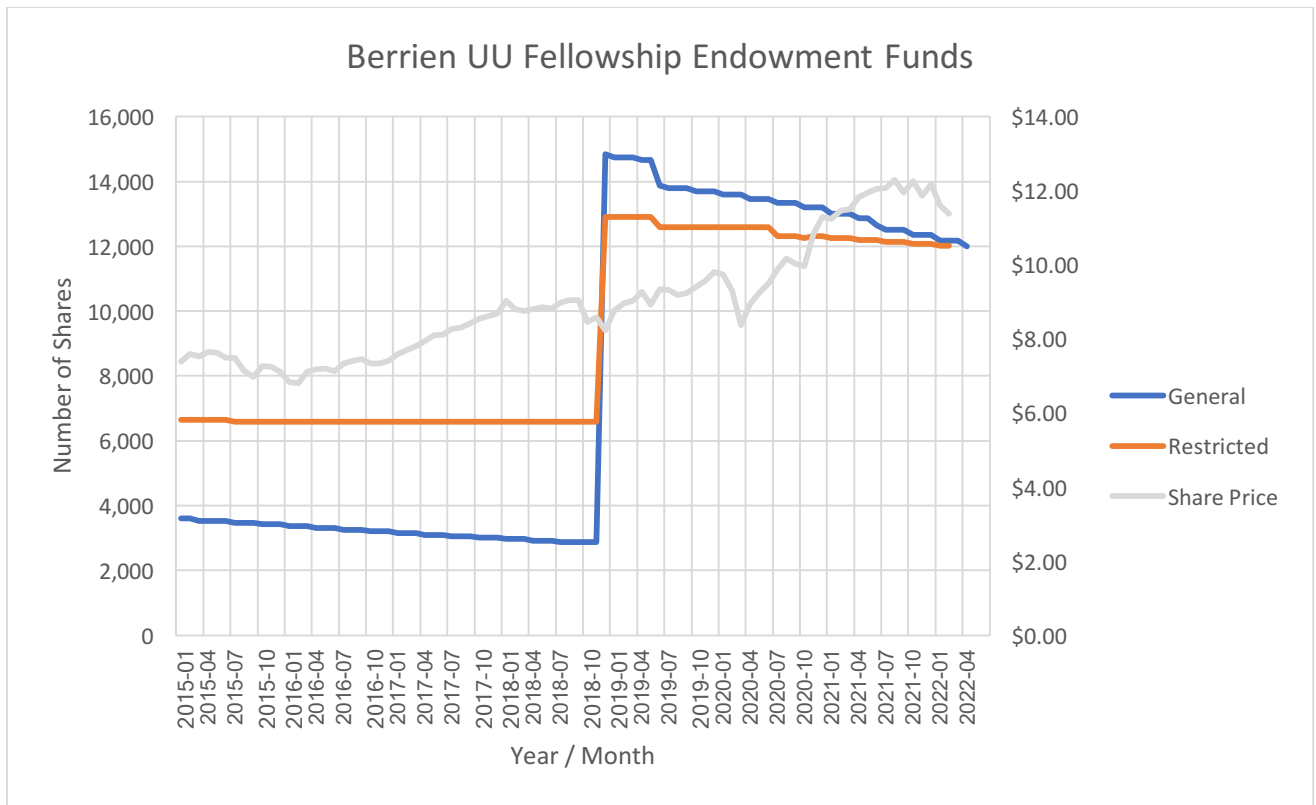
## Endowment Committee FY 2021/2022 Annual Report

Endowment Committee: Julie Williams, Beth LaFleur, Glen Smith (chair)

BUUF’s endowment funds are held in the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund (UUCEF), a socially responsible investment fund. We have two funds: the *General* fund which has few restrictions, and the *Restricted* fund which may be used only to support BUUF’s Social Justice programs. Through the UUCEF we sell a small percentage of shares each quarter to receive a quarterly distribution, and sell larger amounts when required.

The chart below shows the number of shares held in the general fund (blue line) and the restricted fund (orange line), and the share price (the grey line on the right-hand axis). Some interesting features of this chart...

- The vertical jumps in November 2018 is when we moved \$102,578 into the general fund and \$54,221 into the restricted fund (these were the final funds outside of UUCEF)
- The regular stair steps in the general fund (blue line) are the quarterly distribution share sales.
- The slightly larger vertical drop in June of 2019 is the \$7,200 withdrawal for chairs and other improvements.
- The longer stair steps in the restricted fund (orange line) are because we previously drew social justice funds annually. We switched to quarterly distributions.



## **Fiscal Year Summary**

- In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the general fund sent the congregation \$7,772.68 in quarterly distributions and \$2,500 for driveway repairs for a total of \$10,272.68. This reduced our shares held by 6.7%. As of April 30, 2022, the value of the general fund had decreased 16.4% to \$128,470.63 over the past year.
- In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the restricted fund sent the congregation \$3057.09 in quarterly distributions. This reduced our shares held by 2.1%. As of April 30, 2022, the value of the restricted fund had decreased 12.3% to \$127,878.38 over the past year.

There are a couple of reasons for the large decrease in both funds: The per-share value decreased 10.4% over the fiscal year and we're selling more shares because the quarterly distribution increased because both funds are 13+ quarters past the 2018 deposit.

## **Highlights**

- Withdrew \$2,500 for driveway/parking lot repairs in addition to the quarterly distributions.
- Continued to earmark \$10,000 for HVAC replacement or repair. These funds will be withdrawn from the general fund when our HVAC experts call for it.
- We have repurposed a plaque to honor persons who have contributed to the Endowment (to be known as Long Term Stewardship).

## **Finally**

The general fund is our congregation's emergency fund **and** it provides quarterly income to our budget. Every withdrawal reduces that quarterly income slightly and means less money available for catastrophic need in the future. It is important that we withdraw thoughtfully and sustainably to ensure that the future BUUF also has a solid emergency fund and has quarterly income.

While not useable for general emergencies it also is important that we carefully manage the restricted fund to ensure future funds for our social justice mission.

We have not had any deposits to either Endowment Fund since at least 2014. In the last 3-1/2 years, since the December 2018 deposits, we have withdrawn almost 20% of the shares from the general fund. It is not sustainable to continuously withdraw without any deposits. An ongoing goal of the committee is to encourage long term stewardship gifts in the fellowship to support the endowment.