

Quarterly Investment Report

Prepared by NEPC for the National Christian Foundation
March 31, 2026



National Christian Foundation's investment pools returned -1.8% to 0.0% in the first quarter of 2026.

Quarterly Commentary

Geopolitical tensions roiled markets in the first quarter of 2026 as the United States and Israel waged a war on Iran, sending equity markets lower, fixed-income yields higher while disrupting global energy supplies. The price of oil shot above \$100 a barrel, driving costs higher across the energy complex. The spike in energy prices flowed through the economy with the Consumer Price Index posting a 0.9% rise in March; still, broader inflation measures remained relatively muted with Core CPI (ex-food and energy) increasing only 0.2% for the month.

That said, market volatility in April appears to be stabilizing with equities rallying as the market holds out hope for a lasting truce. Should we see a resumption of military strikes with greater breadth, markets are likely to experience an accelerated drawdown, especially in the event of a significant attack by Iran or the U.S. on oil or natural gas facilities in the region.

For the three months ended March 31, equity markets were broadly lower with a few bright spots. The S&P 500 ended the quarter down 4.3% with sentiment shifting lower amongst AI names along with the market drawdown associated with the war in Iran. However, value in the U.S. remained in the black with large-caps and small-cap value stocks posting returns of 2.1% and 5%, respectively.

Markets outside the U.S. bore the brunt of the negative price pressures due to the war in Iran with some European and Asian markets down more than 10% in March. While both MSCI EAFE and emerging market stocks performing well in the first two months of the year, they ended the quarter in the red, down 1.2% and 0.2%, respectively.

Fixed-income markets were also challenged in the first quarter as inflation concerns, a rising U.S. dollar, and a liquidity squeeze pushed government bond yields higher across the world. 10-year Treasury yields were 15 basis points higher for the quarter, ending the period with a yield of 4.3%. Outside the U.S., yields on German, British and Japanese bonds moved even higher. U.S. TIPS were in the black in the first quarter, up 0.3%, according to the Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index. Credit markets were also weighed down by the shift in market sentiment, with the U.S. High Yield and U.S. Credit indexes posting losses of 0.5% for the quarter. Credit spreads for investment-grade and high-yield bonds saw an uptick, rising 11 basis points and 50 basis points, respectively.

Meanwhile, public real assets led performance with the price of WTI Oil up more than 75% for the three months ended March 31; during this period, the Bloomberg Commodity Index posted gains of 24%. Gold remained positive for the quarter, earning 8% despite the double-digit drawdown in March.

Economic Outlook

Fed uncertainty is high, but a rate cut cycle in the U.S. has begun with lower rate expectations in 2026 supporting market sentiment.

Look to balance exposure to the earnings power of the largest S&P 500 names with value & quality companies across the US, Europe, and Asia.

Maintain equity market exposure to be in-line with strategic policy targets and look for rebalance opportunities during market sell-offs.

We recommend investors have appropriate safe-haven fixed-income exposure and sufficient portfolio liquidity for cash flow needs.

We recommend underweighting the most liquid segments of return-seeking credit given current spread levels and market sentiment.

OVERVIEW

	Performance (%)				
	3 Mo (%)	1 Yr (%)	2 Yrs (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)
Growth Pool (70% Equity) Pool Returns Net of Investment Fees	-1.8	9.9	6.8	10.1	5.7
<i>Growth Benchmark</i>	-2.2	14.6	9.6	11.4	5.8
Balanced Growth (50% Equity) Pool Returns Net of Investment Fees	-1.4	7.8	6.1	8.0	4.2
<i>Balanced Growth Benchmark</i>	-1.6	11.5	8.0	8.9	4.1
Balanced Income (35% Equity) Pool Net of Investment Fees	-0.9	6.2	5.3	6.3	3.2
<i>Balanced Income Benchmark</i>	-1.1	9.1	6.7	7.1	2.8
Moderate Income (20% Equity) Pool Returns Net of Investment Fees	-0.6	6.3	5.7	6.1	3.2
<i>Moderate Income Benchmark</i>	-0.7	6.8	5.4	5.2	1.5
Fixed Income Pool Returns Net of Investment Fees	0.0	3.5	4.0	3.8	1.6
<i>Fixed Income Benchmark</i>	-0.1	3.7	3.7	2.8	-0.3
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<i>MSCI AC World IMI (Net)</i>	-2.7	20.6	13.2	16.2	9.0
<i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate Index</i>	0.0	4.3	4.6	3.6	0.3

	Current Rate	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	7 Yr
Cash Reserve Pool Interest Rate	1.86%	1.86%	1.81%	1.21%	0.98%



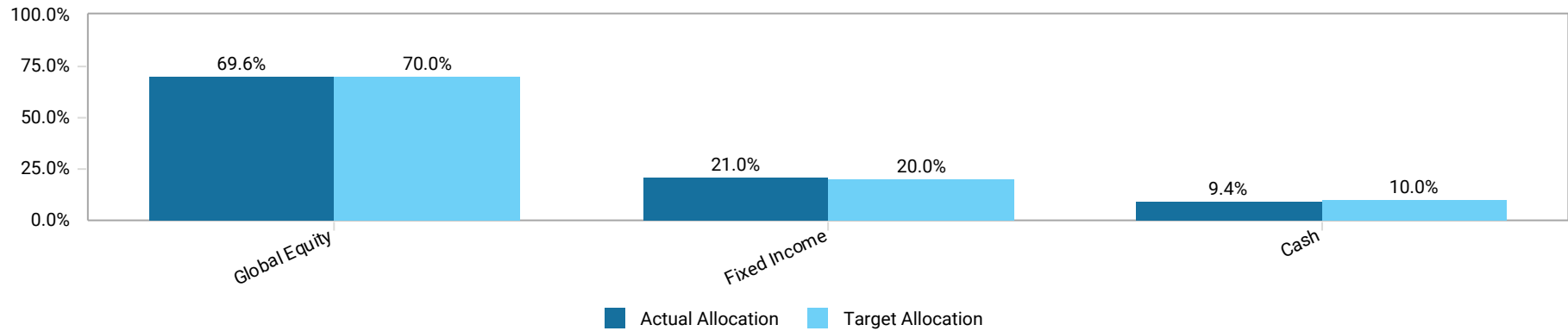
National Christian Foundation Growth Pool

GROWTH POOL (70%)

March 31, 2026

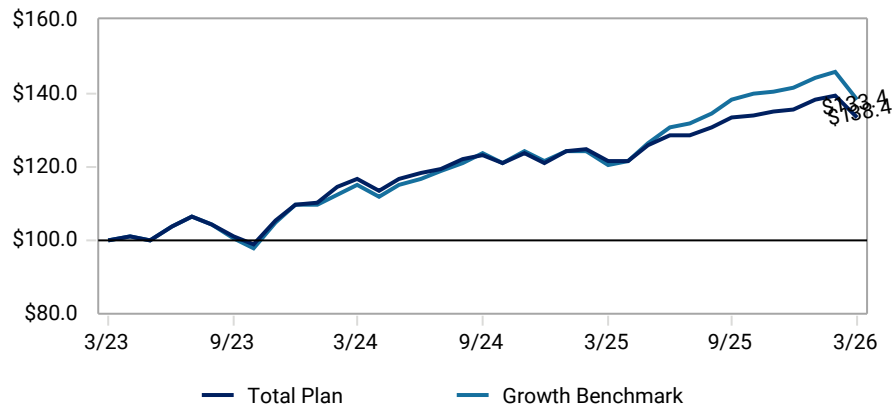
	3 Mo (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)
Total Plan	-1.8	9.9	10.1	5.7
Growth Benchmark	-2.2	14.6	11.4	5.8

Asset Allocation vs. Target

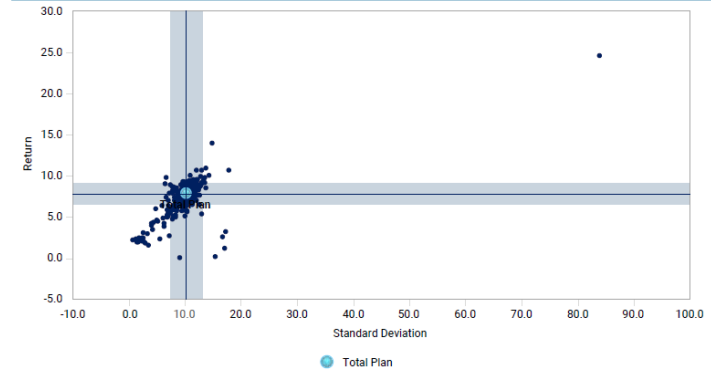


Expense Ratio: 0.50

Growth of a Dollar



Since Inception Ending March 31, 2026
vs. All Foundations-Total Fund



Statistics Summary
7 Years Ending March 31, 2026

	7 Years Return	7 Years Standard Deviation
Total Plan	7.5	10.9
Growth Pool Allocation Index	8.8	11.2



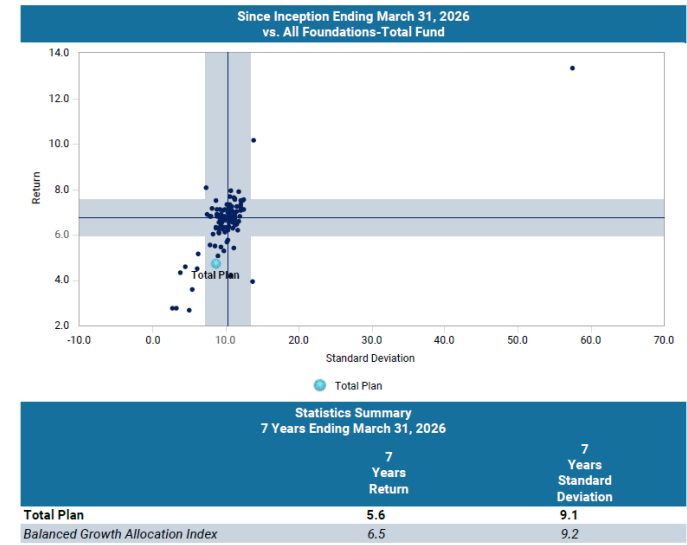
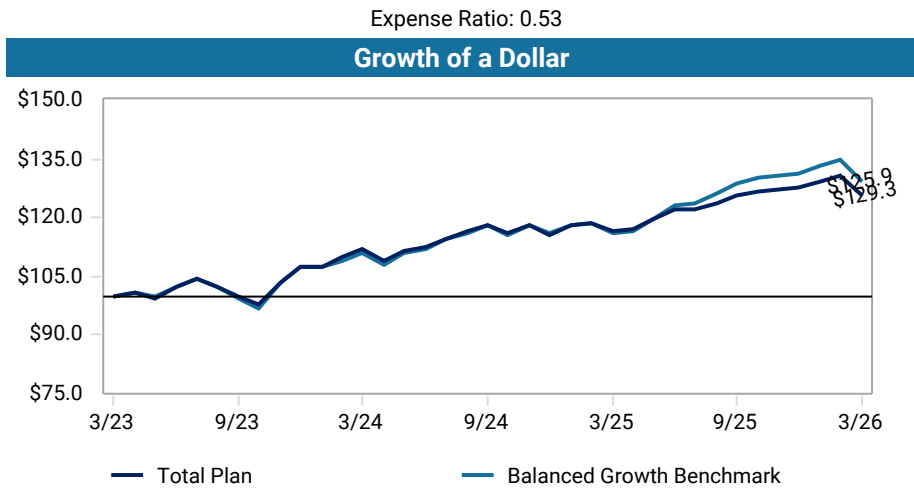
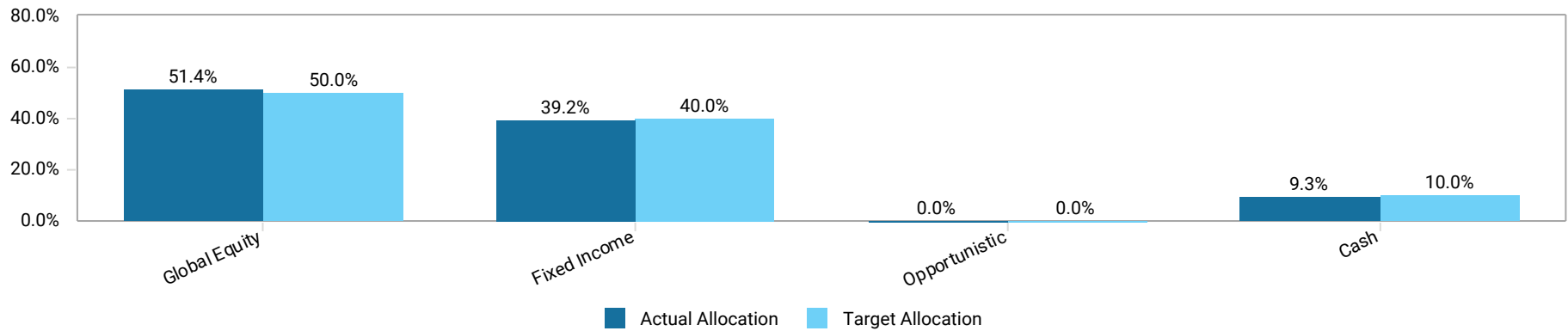
National Christian Foundation Balanced Growth Pool

BALANCED GROWTH POOL (50%)

March 31, 2026

	3 Mo (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)
Total Plan	-1.4	7.8	8.0	4.2
Balanced Growth Benchmark	-1.6	11.5	8.9	4.1

Asset Allocation vs. Target



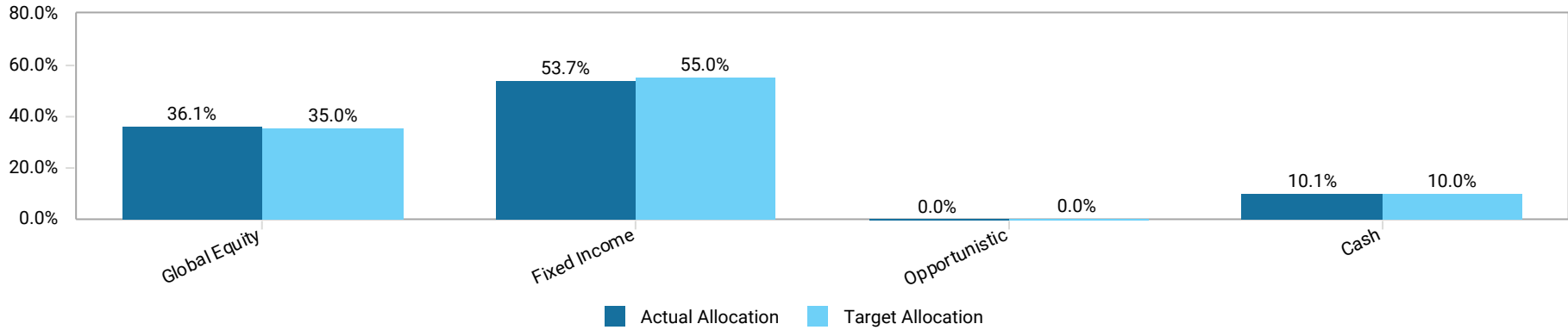
National Christian Foundation Balanced Income Pool

BALANCED INCOME POOL (35%)

March 31, 2026

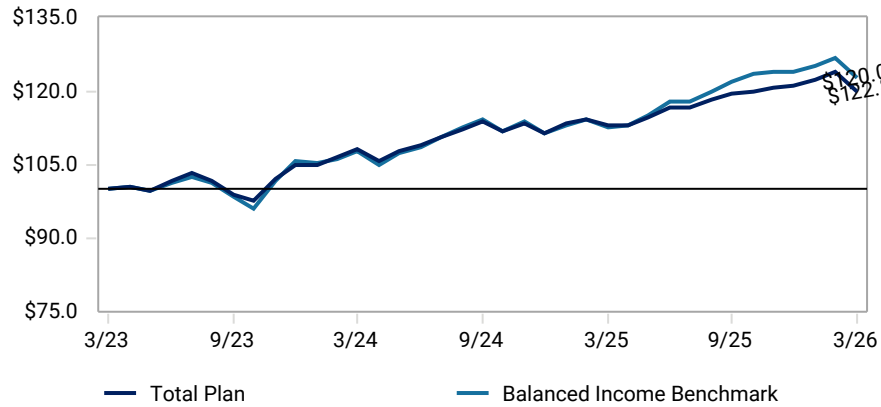
	3 Mo (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)
Total Plan	-0.9	6.2	6.3	3.2
Balanced Income Benchmark	-1.1	9.1	7.1	2.8

Asset Allocation vs. Target

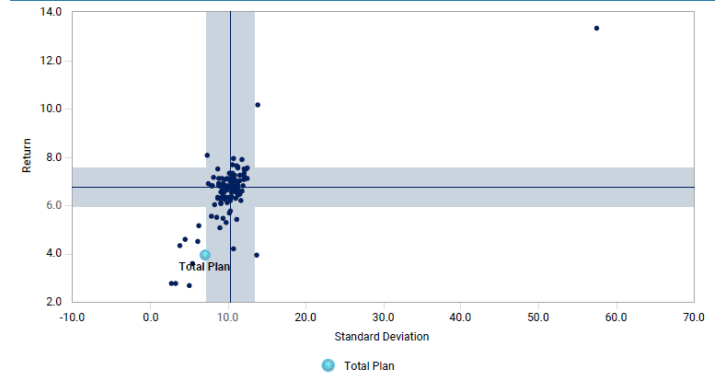


Expense Ratio: 0.56

Growth of a Dollar



Since Inception Ending March 31, 2026 vs. All Foundations-Total Fund



Statistics Summary
7 Years Ending March 31, 2026

	7 Years Return	7 Years Standard Deviation
Total Plan	4.6	7.2
Balanced Income Pool Allocation Index	5.4	7.4



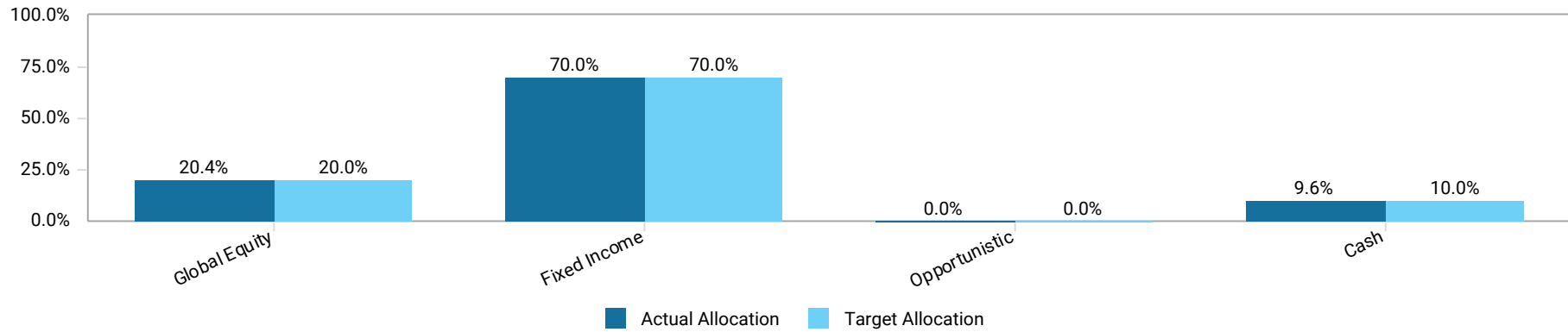
National Christian Foundation Moderate Income Pool

MODERATE INCOME POOL (20%)

March 31, 2026

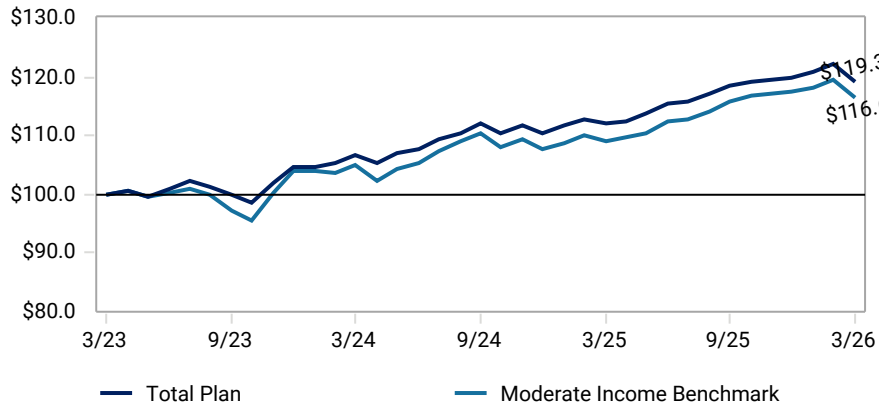
	3 Mo (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)
Total Plan	-0.6	6.3	6.1	3.2
Moderate Income Benchmark	-0.7	6.8	5.2	1.5

Asset Allocation vs. Target

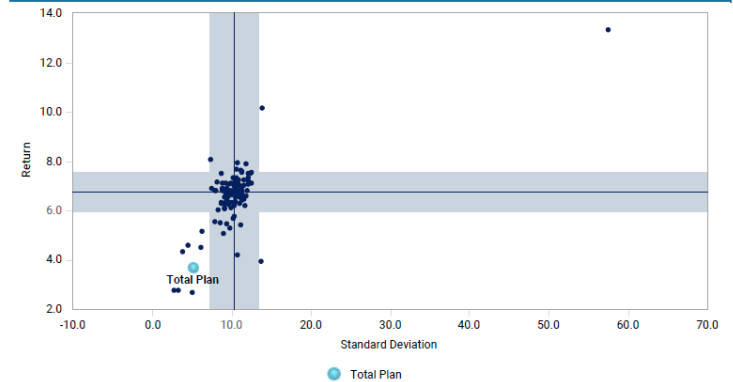


Expense Ratio: 0.58

Growth of a Dollar



Since Inception Ending March 31, 2026
vs. All Foundations-Total Fund



Statistics Summary
7 Years Ending March 31, 2026

	7 Years Return	7 Years Standard Deviation
Total Plan	4.1	5.3
Moderate Income Allocation Index	4.4	5.4



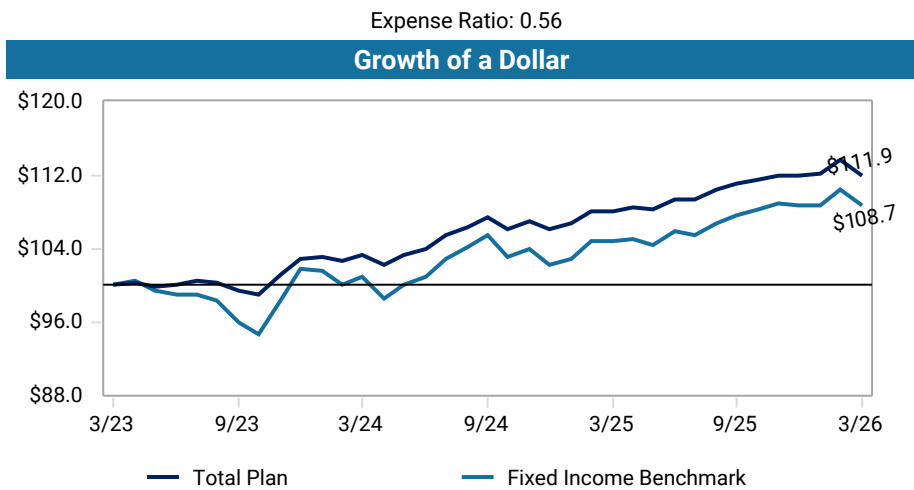
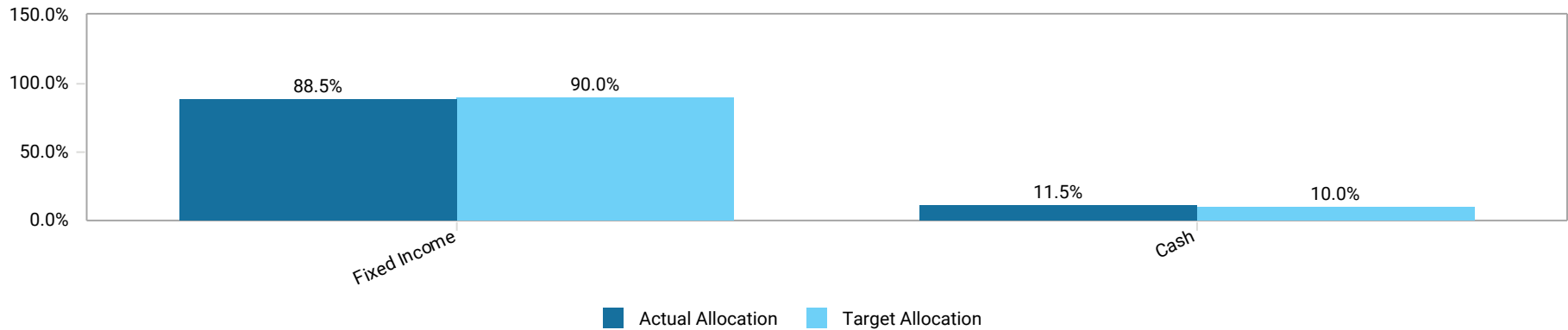
National Christian Foundation Fixed Income Pool

FIXED INCOME POOL

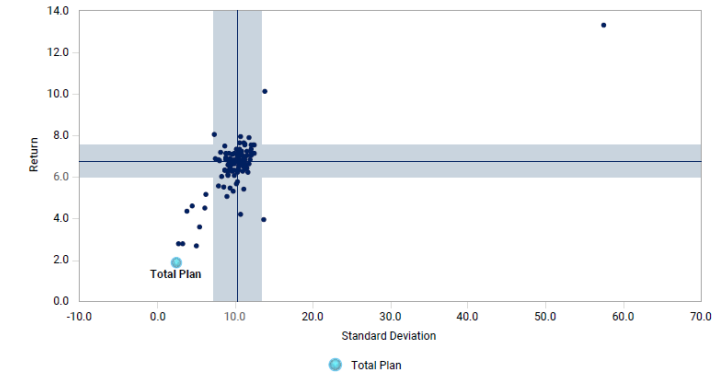
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	3 Mo (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)
Total Plan	0.0	3.5	3.8	1.6
Fixed Income Benchmark	-0.1	3.7	2.8	-0.3

Asset Allocation vs. Target



Since Inception Ending March 31, 2026 vs. All Foundations-Total Fund



Statistics Summary 7 Years Ending March 31, 2026

	7 Years Return	7 Years Standard Deviation
Total Plan	2.1	3.0
Fixed Income Allocation Index	2.3	3.3



NOTES

*As of 12/1/25, the Growth Benchmark is made up of 50.4% S&P500 Index (Net), 19.6% Vanguard Spliced Developed ex U.S. Index, 20% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index and 10% "50% of the FTSE 3 Month T-Bill".

*As of 12/1/2025, the Balanced Growth Benchmark is made up of 36% S&P500 Index (Net), 14% Vanguard Spliced Developed ex U.S. Index, 40% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index and 10% "50% of the FTSE 3 Month T-Bill".

*As of 12/1/2025, the Balanced Income Benchmark is made up of 25.2% S&P500 (Net), 9.8% Vanguard Spliced Developed ex U.S. Index, 55% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index and 10% "50% of the FTSE 3 Month T-Bill".

*As of 12/1/2025, the Moderate Income Benchmark is made up of 14.4% S&P500 (Net), 5.6% Vanguard Spliced Developed ex U.S. Index, 70% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index and 10% "50% of the FTSE 3 Month T-Bill".

*The Fixed Income Benchmark is made up of 90% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index and 10% "50% of the FTSE 3 Month T-Bill".

*Benchmark returns are net of 40 basis point NCF Ministry Fee as of 4/1/2025 and 85 basis points prior.

*Net returns are net of investment management fees, NEPC fees, and NCF fees.

