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OFFERING CIRCULAR
\$55,000,000
IN INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES

We – The Free Methodist Foundation (sometimes “**Foundation**”) – are offering for sale \$55,000,000 of Investment Certificates (“**Certificates**”) to raise money to make loans primarily to churches and agencies related to the Free Methodist Church - USA (“**FMCUSA**”) through the Free Methodist Investment & Loan Fund (“**FMLF**”) and to assist in supporting our mission of managing selected financial affairs of FMCUSA. Flexible Certificates, Series F Institutional Certificates and Series P Institutional Certificates have variable interest rates; Term Certificates have fixed interest rates. Interest rates for Flexible and Term Certificates are shown on the enclosed rate sheet. Please call us to obtain our current rates or visit our website at fmf.org.

To purchase a Certificate, you (or your spouse, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, child, child of a spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law or daughter-in-law) must be either (i) a member of, contributor to, or participant in FMCUSA or us, or a program, activity or organization that is related to FMCUSA or one of its associated organizations, or (ii) one of those organizations. Certificates are not available in all states and are not secured.

This offering is not underwritten and no commissions will be paid on the sales of the Certificates. Accordingly, we will receive 100% of the proceeds from the sales of the Certificates and expect to use some of the proceeds from the sale of Certificates to pay the expenses of this Offering, which are anticipated to be less than one percent of the total offering amount. We offer and sell the Certificates through our officers and employees; there are no underwriters or outside selling agents involved in this offering.

You are encouraged to consider the concept of investment diversification when determining the amount of Certificates that would be appropriate for you to purchase in relation to your overall investment portfolio, risk tolerance and personal financial needs. The information in this offering circular is not intended to be legal, investment or professional tax advice. Each investor’s unique circumstances – financial and otherwise – are important factors in determining the consequences of an investment. For information about the legal, investment or tax consequences of investing in our Certificates, you should consult your own attorney, accountant, or investment advisor.

THIS OFFERING IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RISK FACTORS BEGINNING ON PAGE 2. PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING “STATE SPECIFIC INFORMATION” SECTION FOR INFORMATION PARTICULAR TO YOUR STATE OF RESIDENCE.

This Offering Circular is dated April 30, 2021, and may be used until the expiration of the periods of time authorized in the various states, which typically is twelve months.

THE CERTIFICATES MAY EITHER BE REGISTERED OR EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION IN THE VARIOUS STATES IN WHICH THEY ARE OFFERED OR SOLD. THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES ADMINISTRATORS IN THE STATES THAT REQUIRE THE FILING OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR FOR REGISTRATION OR EXEMPTION.

THE CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED PURSUANT TO A CLAIM OF EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 3(a)(4) OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 AND SECTION 3(C)(10) OF THE FEDERAL INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATES HAS NOT BEEN FILED WITH THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

THE CERTIFICATES HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED BY ANY FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY. FURTHERMORE, THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT DETERMINED THE ACCURACY, ADEQUACY, TRUTHFULNESS, OR COMPLETENESS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND HAVE NOT PASSED UPON THE MERIT OR VALUE OF THESE SECURITIES, OR APPROVED, DISAPPROVED OR ENDORSED THE OFFERING. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

WHEN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE FOUNDATION AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE DISCLOSURE, MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

THESE SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFERABILITY AND RESALE AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR RESOLD EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT

OF 1933, AS AMENDED, AND THE APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, PURSUANT TO REGISTRATION OR EXEMPTION THEREFROM. INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY MAY BE REQUIRED TO BEAR THE FINANCIAL RISK OF THIS INVESTMENT FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME.

THE CERTIFICATES ARE NOT SAVINGS OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF A BANK AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (“FDIC”), ANY STATE BANK INSURANCE FUND OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST TO AN INVESTOR IN THE CERTIFICATES IS DEPENDENT UPON OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION. ANY PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR IS ENTITLED TO REVIEW OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH SHALL BE FURNISHED AT ANY TIME DURING BUSINESS HOURS UPON REQUEST. THE CERTIFICATES ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF, NOR GUARANTEED BY, FMCUSA OR BY ANY CHURCH OR AGENCY AFFILIATED WITH FMCUSA.

NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR, AND IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATION MUST NOT BE RELIED ON AS HAVING BEEN MADE BY THE FOUNDATION.

THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION BY ANYONE IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED, OR IN WHICH THE PERSON MAKING SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO, OR TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR NOR ANY SALES MADE UNDER THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR

SHALL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN OUR AFFAIRS

SINCE THE DATE OF THIS OFFERING CIRCULAR.

STATE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

California, Louisiana, and Washington. Automatic renewal upon maturity of a Certificate, as provided in this Offering Circular, is not available to investors who are California, Louisiana, or Washington residents. All investors will receive a maturity notice and access to a current Offering Circular within thirty days of the maturity date of each of their Certificates and California, Louisiana, and Washington investors will have the opportunity to notify us if they intend to renew their investments. If renewal is not requested, investors' funds will be promptly returned.

Florida. The Certificates have not been registered with the Florida Division of Securities and Investor Protection. We are registered as an Issuer/Dealer in Florida to sell our own securities and the Certificates will be offered solely through our corporate officers and employees who are registered in Florida.

Louisiana. Flexible Certificates and Series P Institutional Certificates are not available for sale in the State of Louisiana.

South Carolina. Flexible Certificates, Series P and Series F Institutional Certificates are not available to South Carolina investors because South Carolina prohibits the sale of demand securities with no maturity date. Similarly, automatic renewal upon maturity of a Term Certificate, as provided in this Offering Circular, is not available to investors who are South Carolina residents. All investors will receive a maturity notice and access to a current Offering Circular within thirty days of the maturity date of each of their Certificates and South Carolina investors will have the opportunity to notify us if they intend to renew their investments. If renewal is not requested, investors' funds will be promptly returned.

If you were a resident of the state of South Carolina when you purchased a Certificate, you have the right to declare an event of default on that Certificate if and only if (a) we fail to pay principal and interest due on that Certificate within 30 days

of receipt of written notice from you notifying us of our failure to pay such principal or interest on the due date, or (b) a South Carolina resident who owns a Certificate of the same issue (i.e., the same type, term and offering) has rightfully declared an event of default as to their Certificate. The owner of a Certificate declares an event of default on that Certificate by submitting a written declaration to us.

Upon your rightful declaration of an event of default on a Certificate: (a) the principal and interest on that Certificate becomes immediately due and payable, (b) you have the right to receive from us upon written request a list of names and addresses of all owners of Certificates of the same issue in the state of South Carolina, and (c) the owners of 25% or more in principal amount of Certificates of the same issue outstanding in the state of South Carolina have the right to declare the entire issue in the state of South Carolina due and payable.

The rightful declaration of an event of default as to any one Certificate of the same issue in the state of South Carolina constitutes an event of default on the entire issue in South Carolina.

South Dakota. These securities are offered pursuant to a claim of exemption from registration under SDCL 47-31B-201(7)(B) of the South Dakota Securities Act. Neither the South Dakota Division of Insurance nor the United States Securities and Exchange Commission has passed upon the value of these securities, made any recommendations as to their purchase, approved or disapproved the offering, or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this Offering Circular. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

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SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING

This summary is provided for your convenience. Before investing, you should read this entire document and the audited consolidated financial statements attached to this Offering Circular (“**Financial Statements**”).

Our Purpose

Our primary purpose is to manage the financial affairs of FMCUSA in the areas of financial planning, asset management, estate and gift planning, fund raising, trust services and loan assistance to churches and affiliated or related organizations. Some of these services are provided through our subsidiary, GuideStream Financial, Inc. (“**GuideStream Financial**”). We also assist churches and related organizations by providing loan financing at favorable rates for the acquisition, construction, renovation and expansion of physical facilities, or for operational needs. We conduct these financing activities through FMLF, one of our internal funds that we manage and account for separately from our other funds. FMLF is not a separate trust or legal entity. Specific information about the lending aspects of FMLF is set forth in “FMLF Lending Activities” on page 12.

Flexible Certificates

Flexible Certificates have a variable interest rate and are payable upon demand. Money can be invested in or redeemed from a Flexible Certificate at any time in any increment. However, we may redeem Certificates at any time allowed by the Certificate.

Term Certificates

Term Certificates are fixed term instruments with a fixed rate of interest. When these Certificates mature you may redeem the Certificate or reinvest it for an additional term at the interest rate then in effect for the term requested. If no redemption or renewal request is made upon maturity, the Term Certificate will automatically become a demand instrument earning a variable rate of interest.

Series F Institutional Certificates

Series F Institutional Certificates are only available to trusts and accounts for which we serve as trustee or agent. They have a variable interest rate that is adjusted monthly and are payable upon demand, subject to certain limitations. We may redeem a Series F Institutional Certificate at any time upon 30 days’ notice.

Series P Institutional Certificates

Series P Institutional Certificates are only available to FMCUSA’s pension plan and accounts for which we serve as the trustee, custodian or agent. They have a variable interest rate that is adjusted monthly and are payable upon demand, subject to certain limitations. We may redeem a Series P Institutional Certificate at any time upon 30 days’ notice.

Redemptions and Maturity

There are specific early redemption penalties applicable to Term Certificates and we retain redemption options that you should read about in the “Description of Certificates” section on page 19.

Use of Proceeds

We are offering a total of \$55,000,000 of Certificates in this offering. We expect to use the cash proceeds from the sale of the Certificates to pay operating expenses; to make loans primarily to FMCUSA organizations to acquire, construct, renovate and expand physical facilities, or for their operational needs; to pay the expenses of this offering; to on occasion make contributions to FMCUSA and its related entities; and if necessary, to pay interest and/or principal on outstanding Certificates. See “Use of Proceeds” on page 11. Funds we do not use immediately for these purposes will be added to our general fund pending such uses.

Summary Financial Information

The table below sets forth select summary financial information for The Free Methodist Foundation (including FMLF and GuideStream Financial) on a consolidated basis as of and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020. This information is based on our historical Financial Statements and should be read in conjunction with those Financial Statements.

	<u>Consolidated</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,595,680
Investments	\$ 7,280,548
Loans receivable, net ¹	\$ 114,399,136
Assets held as trustee, custodian or agent	\$ 66,007,271
Total assets	\$ 205,015,556
Investors’ certificates ²	\$ 131,328,093
Trusts and other liabilities ²	\$ 3,157,531
Funds held for others ²	\$ 49,970,353
Total liabilities	\$ 184,489,674
Total net assets	\$ 20,525,882
Change in net assets	\$ 1,835,166
Cash proceeds from investors’ certificates ²	\$ 31,640,872
Renewals of matured investors’ certificates ²	\$ 2,632,264
Redemptions of investors’ certificates ²	\$ 22,902,918

¹ As of December 31, 2020, we had 10 loans, totaling \$24,319,386, for which temporary payment deferral arrangements were made due to COVID-19 constraints. This represents 21.4% of our total outstanding loans. As of that same date, we had no delinquent loans and no unsecured loans outstanding.

² Certificates held by the Foundation as trustee, custodian or agent are included as liabilities in “Funds held for others” and not in “Investors’ certificates.” We received cash proceeds of \$2,318,599 and redeemed \$2,780,199 of such Certificates during 2020. We held \$1,995,462 of such Certificates as “Funds held for others” at December 31, 2020.

Please carefully read the Risk Factors beginning on the next page.

- Not FDIC or SIPC Insured
- Not a Bank Instrument
- No FMCUSA Guarantee

To purchase a Certificate, please complete and sign an Investment Application and return it to us with a check for the amount you want to invest.

RISK FACTORS

The purchase of Certificates involves certain risks. You should carefully consider the following risk factors before making a decision to purchase Certificates.

Unsecured and Uninsured General Debt Obligations

The Certificates are our unsecured and uninsured general debt obligations. The payment of principal and interest on the Certificates will be solely dependent upon our financial condition. Claims for repayment of Certificates will be subordinate to claims of secured creditors. It is our policy not to create, incur, or voluntarily permit any material lien upon any of our assets (excluding funds held for others, as more fully described in the Risk Factor entitled “Custodial and Trust Assets”) or otherwise incur material indebtedness having a prior claim to those assets or otherwise senior to the Certificates except for: (i) liens or charges for current taxes, assessments or other governmental charges which are not delinquent or which remain payable without penalty or the validity of which are contested in good faith; (ii) liens made to secure statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds or bonds for the release of attachments or for stay of execution; (iii) purchase money security interests for property acquired; or (iv) judgment liens. For purposes of this statement, the term “material” shall mean an amount which equals or exceeds 10% of our tangible assets.

Certificates not FDIC or SIPC Insured

The Certificates are not issued by, and are not obligations of, a bank. The Certificates are not FDIC or SIPC insured. The Certificates are subject to investment risks, including the potential to lose the principal amount you invest.

Subordinate to Existing and Future Senior Secured Indebtedness

The Certificates we have issued in the past are also our unsecured debt obligations. Therefore, your Certificate will be of equal rank with our previously issued Certificates. Further, from time to time we may pledge assets to secure loans we obtain from banks or other lenders. For example, we currently have a revolving line of credit with Comerica Bank for up to \$250,000, and Comerica Bank has a first priority security interest in substantially all of our assets to secure that loan. As of December 31, 2020, there was no money drawn on this line of credit. See “Discussion of Financial Data – Line of Credit” on page 18.

Because our Certificates are unsecured, Comerica Bank and any other secured lenders that we may have in the future will have the right to be paid from our assets that are pledged to them before you and the rest of our Certificate holders. It is our current policy, however, to limit the amount of senior secured indebtedness to no more than 10% of our total assets on the date of the pledge. If the line of credit discussed above were fully drawn, it would represent approximately 0.1% of our total assets as of December 31, 2020.

Potential Impact of Economic Downturn

A sustained economic downturn, a lengthy or severe recession, or declining real estate values could negatively affect our borrowers and our investors. During a period of economic downturn or recession, our borrowers may experience declining revenues that make it more difficult or impossible for them to satisfy their loan repayment obligations to us on a timely basis, particularly if the period is prolonged. This could result in a need to restructure some loans to provide more flexible payment terms to our borrowers, to reduce current payments by increasing amortization periods, or to rely upon the collateral for repayment, which may not be sufficient to satisfy all amounts owed. This could also result in a need to increase our allowance for loan losses, which would negatively impact our profitability.

In addition, investors may be less likely to invest in our Certificates or renew their maturing Term Certificates during periods of prolonged economic recession, and the rate of Certificate redemptions may increase. If we were to experience a sustained period of increased borrower delinquencies, decreased Certificate investments or increased Certificate redemptions, it could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, results of operations and financial condition. Declining real estate values may also increase the likelihood that the value of our collateral will be insufficient to cover the amounts owed to us, which could result in losses in the event of loan defaults and foreclosures.

Loans Dependent upon Contributions for Repayment

A majority of our loans have been made to churches and affiliated or related organizations. The ability of the churches or organizations to repay their loans generally will depend upon the charitable contributions they receive from their members. To the extent that a church or organization experiences a reduction in contributions, its ability to repay a loan may be adversely affected. Moreover, although loans made within the United States to FMCUSA churches are co-signed by the regional FMCUSA Conference for the benefit of the local church that is borrowing the funds, in most instances the Conferences also depend upon fluctuating contributions as a primary source of their revenues. The inability of a borrower to make timely payments on their loan could adversely affect our ability to make interest and principal payments on the Certificates. Loans made to senior care facilities and higher educational institutions rely mostly on operations for repayment of their loan.

No FMCUSA Guarantee

Neither FMCUSA nor any of its affiliates or member churches have guaranteed the repayment of the Certificates. You must rely solely on us for repayment.

No Sinking Fund

We will not use a sinking fund or escrow to provide for the repayment of the Certificates. Accordingly, we have not set aside funds for the repayment of all of the Certificates and offering proceeds will not be segregated from our other assets. We do, however, have a policy of maintaining available funds in the form of cash, cash equivalents, readily marketable securities and available lines of credit in an amount not less than 8% of our outstanding Certificates for the purpose of providing short-term liquidity for our various activities. See “Discussion of Financial Data – Liquidity Policy” on page 19. Our ability to repay a Certificate will be affected by our financial condition and liquidity at the time the Certificate must be repaid.

No Trust Indenture

We have not established, and do not intend to establish, a trust indenture to provide for the repayment of principal on the Certificates. Accordingly, no trustee will monitor our ongoing affairs on your behalf, no agreement will provide for

joint action by investors in the event we default on the Certificates, and you will not have the other protections a trust indenture would provide. A default in the repayment of one Certificate will not be a default on our other Certificates, except as provided by law.

Delinquent Loans

As of December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, we had no delinquent loans. See “FMLF Lending Activities – Loan Delinquencies” on page 12.

Automatic Reinvestment at Maturity

At maturity, our Term Certificates convert automatically to demand instruments. Although we will notify you when your Certificate is about to mature, if you do not inform us in writing at that time that you want to redeem the Certificate, the principal and accrued interest will become payable upon demand and will earn interest at a variable interest rate then in effect for our Flexible Certificates. This interest rate generally would be less than the rate previously payable on your Term Certificate. See “Description of the Certificates – Term Certificates” on page 20.

Interest Rate Risks

There may be periods of time when we are unable to obtain an average return on our investments and loans that is greater than our average interest payment obligations. In addition, our loans receivable have an average term to maturity that is longer than the average maturity term of our Certificates payable. As a result, the average interest rate we pay on Certificates could increase more quickly than the average interest rate we receive on loans. This could result in an adverse impact on our profitability. See “FMLF Lending Activities” on page 12 for more information on our loans.

Certificates Not Transferable; No Public Market

The Certificates are not negotiable and are not transferable. Accordingly, no public market exists for the Certificates and none will develop.

Our Right to Redeem Certificates

We may redeem any Certificate at any time upon 30 days’ prior written notice. In the event of such a redemption, interest would be paid to the date of the redemption.

Your Inability to Demand Redemption

We are not obligated to redeem the Term Certificates until their maturity. Consequently, you may be unable to redeem your Term Certificate in the event of an emergency, if interest rates rise on comparable investments, or for any other reason. You should, therefore, view the purchase of a Term Certificate as an investment for the full term of the Certificate. We normally assess early redemption penalties if we allow an early redemption. See “Description of the Certificates – Early Redemption” on page 21. There are also significant limitations on the amount of an Institutional Certificate that can be redeemed in a single month. See “Description of Certificates – Institutional Certificates” on page 20. Finally, we may take 30 days or more to honor redemption requests for Flexible Certificates. See “Description of Certificates – Flexible Certificates” on page 20.

Reinvestment Change; Potential Inability to Reinvest

As of December 31, 2020, we had \$27,418,747 of Term Certificates scheduled to mature during the calendar year 2021, and \$44,411,569 of Flexible Certificates that can be redeemed by investors upon 30 days’ notice. As of that same date, we also had \$808,646 of Series F Institutional Certificates and \$0 of Series P Institutional Certificates outstanding, all of which can be redeemed by investors upon 30 days’ notice, except that we may limit redemptions to a single investor in these Certificates to no more than \$500,000 per month. Of these Certificates, \$230,000 of Term Certificates, \$640,316 of Flexible Certificates, \$0 of Series P Institutional Certificates and all of the Series F Institutional Certificates are held by us as a trustee, custodian or agent for the benefit of others and are included in funds held for others, and not in the investment certificates liability line item, on our consolidated statement of financial position. See “Description of Certificates – Certificate Maturity Information” on page 21. In the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, 90%, 92%, and 90%, respectively, of maturing Term Certificates were extended or reinvested. However, there can be no assurance that this reinvestment trend will continue. In addition, while we intend to maintain all required securities registrations and exemptions, we are not now registered or exempt in all states and our Certificates may not continue to be registered or exempt in the states where we currently sell Certificates. Accordingly, you may not be able to reinvest the proceeds of your Certificate if you live in

a state where our Certificates are not registered or exempt at the time of the attempted reinvestment. If future demands for repayment exceed our prior experience because of these or other factors, our financial condition may be adversely affected.

Regulatory Environment

Changes in state or federal laws, rules, or requirements regarding the sale of debt obligations of charitable or other non-profit organizations may make it more difficult or costly, or even impossible, for us to offer and sell Certificates in some states in the future. To the extent that we are dependent on the proceeds of future sales of Certificates to provide liquidity to make timely interest and principal payments on our outstanding indebtedness, including the Certificates, a cessation or substantial decrease in the sale of Certificates would have a material adverse effect on our ability to repay the Certificates.

Not a Commercial Lender

WE CANNOT BE COMPARED TO A COMMERCIAL LENDER. We occasionally make loans to borrowers that are unable to secure financing from commercial sources. For instance, we occasionally make loans to new or start-up churches. Because of their small size and youth, these churches may not meet commercial lending standards. In view of our relationship with our borrowers, our loan policies and loan underwriting requirements may be less stringent than a commercial lender. In addition, because of our relationship with many of our borrowers we may be willing to accommodate partial, deferred or late payments, be willing to accept interest only payments for a time, and/or be willing to temporarily or permanently restructure loans in situations where a typical commercial lender would not. We have, in the past, made these types of accommodations in certain circumstances for some borrowers. In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, we restructured or refinanced 2 loans with an aggregate principal balance of \$2,995,678 as of that date, primarily to reduce the interest rates charged on those loans in response to competitive pressures in the market. See “FMLF Lending Activities” on page 12.

In addition, less than 1% of our outstanding loan balance was acquired from FMCUSA Conferences over the years, and were originated according to the loan policies of the respective Conferences from which they were purchased. Some of the underwriting requirements of those Conferences were different than

ours, and some of the FMCUSA Conferences did not, for example, require formal appraisals or title insurance. While we have obtained title searches on most of the collateral securing those acquired loans, and title insurance on much of the collateral securing those acquired loans, not all of the loans are covered by title insurance. See also “FMLF Lending Activities – Acquired Loans” at page 14.

Special Purpose Properties

Church properties like those we typically carry as collateral for our loans are generally single purpose properties that have a limited resale market. If we were to foreclose on any such single purpose property, we may not be able to sell the property at a price that is at least equal to the amount owed to us on the loan it secures.

Construction Loan Risks

Many of the loans we make are used for the construction of new facilities or the renovation of existing facilities. There may not be a fixed-price construction contract for this work and the contractor may not post, and we may not require, a performance or completion bond. In addition, possible delays in completion may occur due to, among other things, shortages of materials, possible strikes, acts of nature, delays in obtaining necessary building permits or architectural certificates, environmental regulations or fuel or energy shortages. We may not always obtain architectural certification or lien waivers prior to the disbursement of partial or final construction payments and we may rely instead on the representations of the borrower. If these representations are incorrect, we may advance more money than is warranted by the construction completed or the lien waivers obtained. Substantial increases in construction costs or delays in or failure to complete construction could adversely affect the borrower’s ability to repay its loan.

Collateral Values May Not Be Accurate

Although we generally require appraisals on our real property collateral as part of the loan application process, there are a few instances where we have not always obtained formal appraisals in the past, and some loans that we acquired from others do not have formal appraisals. Accordingly, it is possible that the value of a specific secured property is less than we believe and that the amount outstanding with respect to a specific loan could exceed the value of the property securing it. While we typically do conduct a site inspection for loans of significant size, there can

be no assurance that we will in all cases, or that the inspection is sufficient to establish the value of the collateral.

Custodial and Trust Assets

We manage, invest and hold endowment, pension and other funds for others while acting in the capacity of trustee, custodian, or agent. We held \$47,370,265 of custodial investments as of December 31, 2020, which are assets we are holding for others in a fiduciary or agency capacity, as represented by a corresponding liability on our Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. In addition, we are holding \$6,229,606 of assets in trust, none of which would be available to satisfy our obligations. Accordingly, these assets generally should not be considered to be our assets since they are held for others and would not be available for payment of our creditors, including investors in our Certificates. See Financial Statements. In addition, \$12,407,400 of our assets represent restricted endowment funds whose income benefits FMCUSA. See “Other Activities and Related Party Transactions” on page 15.

Risks from Investment Advisory Services

GuideStream Financial is an investment adviser registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (“**Investment Advisers Act**”) and is regulated and subject to examination by the SEC. The Investment Advisers Act imposes numerous obligations on registered investment advisers, including disclosure obligations, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, marketing restrictions and general anti-fraud prohibitions. Providing investment advice also is regulated by each state where advisory services are provided. From time to time, regulators may raise issues during examinations or audits that could, if determined adversely, have a material impact on our business. Violations of applicable federal or state laws or regulations could result in the imposition of fines or censures, disciplinary actions, including the revocation of licenses or registrations, and reputational damage. In addition, applicable statutes, regulations or regulatory interpretations may change, which could increase the costs of this business.

Risks from Fiduciary Operations

We serve as trustee, custodian, agent or manager for a significant number of accounts, either directly or through GuideStream Financial, and collectively oversee assets of \$504,222,616 as of December 31,

2020, \$1,995,462 of which are invested in Certificates and are directly invested by us. GuideStream Financial accounts do not hold any of our Certificates. See also “Other Activities and Related Party Transactions” on page 15. In our roles as trustees, custodians, and investment advisor, we and GuideStream Financial are acting as fiduciaries and could be held liable for any breach of our fiduciary duties. Any action having a materially adverse impact on us or GuideStream Financial could negatively affect our ability to repay the Certificates. Further, while we are a separate entity from the trusts, accounts and plans we administer or manage, and are generally not liable for claims against them, it is possible that claimants against them might contend that we are also liable. If a claim like this were made or upheld, our financial condition may be negatively affected.

Custodial and Fiduciary Responsibilities May Conflict

The Foundation may invest some of the funds it manages for others in Certificates. At December 31, 2020, this represented \$1,995,462 in Certificates that were held by us as a trustee, custodian or agent for investors. GuideStream Financial does not invest in Certificates for its clients. At some point, our duties as manager, custodian or trustee of these funds may require us to demand payment of some or all of the Flexible Certificates or Institutional Certificates we hold in that capacity, or to redeem the Term Certificates as they mature, even if doing so would have adverse consequences to us which could negatively affect our ability to repay the Certificates.

Liability for Debts of GuideStream Financial & FMCUSA

As a separate corporation from GuideStream Financial and FMCUSA we are generally not liable for claims against those entities or their affiliates. It is possible, however, that in the event of claims against those entities or their affiliates, the claimants might contend that we are also liable. If a claim like this were made or upheld, our financial condition may be negatively affected.

Individual Retirement Accounts

A self-directed Individual Retirement Account (“IRA”) may invest in our Flexible or Term Certificates if permitted by the IRA trustee or custodian. A self-directed IRA is an individual retirement account that allows the holder the option of selecting investment vehicles for the IRA account. We

have an agreement with Goldstar Trust Company (“Goldstar”) to allow our investors to establish self-directed Traditional, Roth, SEP and SIMPLE IRAs and Education Savings Accounts at Goldstar, which then purchase our Flexible or Term Certificates. See “Other Activities and Related Party Transactions – Goldstar Trust Company” on page 16. Investors who invest through their IRA should consider whether the investment is in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the IRA; whether there is sufficient liquidity in the IRA should the IRA’s beneficiary need to take a mandatory distribution; and whether the investment could constitute a non-exempted prohibited transaction under applicable law. Consultation with a competent financial and tax adviser is recommended. See “Description of The Certificates – Purchases by IRAs and ESAs” on page 20.

Tax Aspects

You will not receive a charitable deduction for the purchase of a Certificate. Interest paid or payable on the Certificates will be taxable to you as ordinary income regardless of whether the interest is paid to you or added to the Certificate as principal. See “Tax Aspects” on page 22.

Geographic Concentration of Borrowers

Approximately 20%, 18%, 17%, 15% and 7%, of the outstanding principal amount of our loans receivable were owed by borrowers in Washington, California, New York, Illinois, and Michigan respectively, as of December 31, 2020. Adverse economic conditions, a reduction in population, or the loss of purchasing power by residents in these states could correspondingly reduce the amount of contributions borrowing churches and organizations receive from their members. This, in turn, could adversely affect the ability of these borrowers to repay their loans. In addition, if real estate values were to decline in these areas, it could adversely affect the value of the properties serving as collateral for these loans. See “FMLF Lending Activities” on page 12.

Geographic Concentration of Non-Institutional Investors

Approximately 19%, 17%, 12%, 8%, 7%, 7%, 6% and 6% of the combined outstanding principal amount of our Certificates were owned by non-institutional investors in Michigan, Washington, Indiana, California, Florida, Illinois, New York and Ohio respectively, as of December 31, 2020. Adverse

economic conditions in these states could correspondingly result in increased redemptions of Flexible Certificates, increased requests for redemptions of Term Certificates, and decreased reinvestment rates for maturing Term Certificates owned by investors in these states. This could, in turn, adversely affect our liquidity, our ability to operate our programs, and ultimately our ability to repay Certificates. See “Description of the Certificates” on page 19.

Concentration of Certificates Owned by Institutional Investors

As of December 31, 2020, we held \$1,995,462 in the form of Series F Institutional Certificates, Flexible Certificates and Term Certificates as trustee, custodian or agent on behalf of others. All of these Certificates, other than the Term Certificates, could be redeemed upon 30 days’ notice, except that we may limit redemptions by a single investor in the Institutional Certificates to no more than \$500,000 per month. If one or more Institutional Certificate investors redeemed a significant portion of their Certificates in a short amount of time, it could adversely affect our liquidity, our ability to operate our programs, and ultimately our ability to repay Certificates.

Concentration of Loans Receivable in Limited Number of Borrowers

Approximately 39% of the combined outstanding principal amount of our loans receivable were owed by 6 borrowers as of December 31, 2020. Those borrowers had aggregate outstanding loan balances of \$10,280,234, \$9,679,424, \$6,435,449, \$6,152,200, \$6,149,235 and \$6,062,589 on that date. If any of these borrowers is unable to repay its loan, our ability to make interest and principal payments on Certificates would be adversely affected.

Right to Change Policies

At various points in this Offering Circular, we describe our policies, such as our loan policies described on page 12, and our investment policies described on page 14. These descriptions are intended to help you understand our current operations. We reserve the right to change our policies and procedures generally, including our loan and investment policies.

Redemption Requests Could Exceed Available Funds

As of December 31, 2020, we had funds available in cash, cash equivalents, readily marketable

securities, and lines of credit of \$23,876,228. This amount represents approximately 17.9% of the total principal amount we are obligated to pay on the \$133,323,555 of outstanding Certificates payable at December 31, 2020. As of December 31, 2020, we had \$27,418,747 of Term Certificates scheduled to mature during the calendar year 2021, and \$44,411,569 of outstanding Flexible Certificates that can be redeemed by investors upon 30 days’ notice. As of that same date, we also had \$808,646 of Series F Institutional Certificates and \$0 of Series P Institutional Certificates outstanding, all of which can be redeemed by investors upon 30 days’ notice, except that we may limit redemptions to a single investor in these Certificates to no more than \$500,000 per month. \$230,000 of the Term Certificates, \$640,316 of the Flexible Certificates included above, \$0 of the Series P Institutional Certificates and all of the Series F Institutional Certificates are held by us as a trustee, custodian or agent for the benefit of others and are included in funds held for others on our consolidated statement of financial position. If the combined total of redemption requests exceeds our available funds, we might be required to sell or liquidate some or all of our assets. We cannot assure you that proceeds from selling our assets would be sufficient to fund all redemption requests.

We May Sell or Agree to Repay Additional Securities in Other Offerings or Transactions

We expect to sell additional Certificates in other offerings, may offer other debt securities in the future, and may agree to repay debt securities of other loan funds we acquire. The total amount of \$55,000,000 to be sold in this offering is not a limitation on the amount of Certificates or other debt securities we may sell in other offerings we may conduct at any time or may agree to repay in other transactions. We have sold our Certificates in other offerings in prior years and anticipate that we will continue to sell additional Certificates or other debt securities as part of this continuous offering process.

Management of FMF

Control of FMF is exercised by our Board of Directors. You will not have voting rights or other rights to participate in the management of FMF or any of its affiliates.

Investment Portfolio Risks

We may from time to time invest in various securities or other financial instruments. These

investments are subject to the same market and investment risks experienced by investors generally, and declines in the market values of those investments would result in realized or unrealized losses to us. In addition, our deposits and investments may exceed FDIC and SIPC account limits and may not, therefore, be protected by those insurance programs. See “Investing Activities” on page 14 for more information on our investments.

Book Value May Not Reflect Actual Value

The book value of our financial instruments and other assets set forth in this Offering Circular and our Financial Statements may not reflect the actual value we would receive in a sale of these assets. From time to time, we may sell certain assets to provide liquidity or for other purposes. Since book values are based upon significant judgments by management and other uncertainties, there is no assurance that assets would be sold for an amount equal to their book value.

Collateral May Be Uninsured or Inadequately Insured

We require property insurance on all loans with real property held as collateral and we require that FMLF be listed as the mortgage holder and loss payee on the insurance policies. Although we require such insurance, there may be reasons that buildings and other facilities that secure a loan may occasionally have lapses in coverage or are otherwise inadequately insured. Accordingly, if fire or other casualty damages our collateral, we may not be able to recover against it.

Limitations on Remedies

Our remedies as a lender are subject to limitations and borrower protections imposed under applicable bankruptcy and other laws. Our remedies as a creditor upon default by any of our borrowers will be subject to various laws, regulations and legal principles that provide protections to borrowers. Our legal and contractual remedies, including those specified in our loan agreements and mortgages, typically require judicial actions, which are often subject to discretion and delay. Under existing law (including, without limitation, the Federal Bankruptcy Code), the remedies specified by our loan agreements and mortgages may not be readily available or may be limited. A court may refuse to order the specific performance of the covenants contained in the loan agreements and mortgages. In addition, the laws of a particular jurisdiction may change or make it

impractical or impossible to enforce specific covenants in the loan agreements.

Competing Security Interests and Claims

The various security interests established under the loan agreements and mortgages with borrowers will be subject to other claims and interests. Examples of these claims and interests are:

- Statutory liens;
- Rights arising in favor of the United States, or any agency thereof;
- Constructive trusts or equitable liens otherwise imposed or conferred by any state or federal court or court of competent jurisdiction in any foreign country, including the exercise of its equitable jurisdiction; and
- Federal bankruptcy laws or bankruptcy laws of another jurisdiction affecting amounts earned by the borrower after institution of bankruptcy proceedings by or against the borrower.

Potential Environmental Liability

FMLF considers environmental risks when reviewing loan requests and the organization has required environmental audits in the past when deemed appropriate. If environmental pollution or other contamination is found on or near a property after a loan is secured, we could, in some cases, face environmental liability or our security for the loan could be impaired. If we foreclose on property containing environmental waste, we could be assessed substantial clean-up costs and penalties as an owner of such property, as would any lender in a similar situation. Under various federal, state and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of real estate may be required to investigate and clean up hazardous or toxic substances or petroleum products released at the property, and may be held liable to a government entity or to third parties for property damage and for investigation and clean-up costs incurred by these parties in connection with the contamination. The costs of investigation, remediation or removal of these substances may be substantial, and the presence of these substances, or the failure to properly remediate the property, may adversely affect the owner’s ability to sell or rent the property or to borrow using the property as collateral. In addition, some environmental laws create a lien on the contaminated site in favor of the government for damages and costs incurred in connection with the contamination. Persons who arrange for disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances may also be liable for the costs of removal

or remediation of these substances at the disposal or treatment facility. Finally, the owner of a site may be subject to common law claims by third parties based on damages and costs resulting from environmental contamination emanating from a site.

We Utilize Digital Technologies In Our Operations

We utilize digital and cloud-based technologies and services in our operations, many of which are provided by third party vendors. We may use electronic signatures for some of our loan and investment documentation. Electronic signatures have not been fully vetted under all applicable state and federal laws as of the date of this Offering Circular. We rely upon third party vendors and digital technologies and services for maintaining, processing, transmitting, delivering, and storing proprietary data and other records related to our business. This data includes confidential customer information. Unauthorized disclosure of this information could lead to loss of faith in our ability to protect confidential information and therefore harm our ability to retain customers, borrowers and investors and gain new ones. Storing and delivering electronic data has inherent risks, including, without limit, intentional or unintentional unauthorized access to data, data theft, temporary or permanent loss of data, and hardware and software failure. While we and our vendors have taken steps to protect against these risks, due in part to the evolving nature of these risks there is no guarantee these measures will be 100% effective in safeguarding the electronic data we maintain or the services we utilize, and may be insufficient, circumvented, or become obsolete. Our insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover all the costs related to cyber incidents or disruptions resulting from such events. If you choose to utilize our digital services, such as our online investor access portal FMLF Online, we can offer no assurances or make any warranties as to the accuracy, availability and security of such technologies or the data contained therein.

Other Activities of Issuer

As part of our role in estate and gift planning, we previously served as an issuer of charitable gift annuities, and continue to carry a number of those contracts. However, as of April, 2014, we discontinued offering gift annuities wherein we are the issuer, but continue to facilitate them for donors through a third party issuer. The proceeds from the sales of the gift annuities are invested in marketable securities and the donors or other named income

beneficiaries receive payments for their lifetimes, with any residual funds at maturity going to charitable remainder organizations named in the gift annuity contract. There is no guarantee of residual funds to the remainder charity. In addition, we remain obligated to fund each gift annuity for the life of the annuitant regardless of investment results or the duration of the annuitant's life, which could exceed actuarial expectations. In addition, some states require reserve amounts in excess of actuarially calculated amounts, which we are required to fund if investment performance is not sufficient. In 2020, we incurred \$56,961 in expenses related to these activities.

Impact of Coronavirus

The ongoing outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19, could adversely impact our business. The coronavirus situation and the related warnings, advice, guidance, and mandates of government authorities and infection disease experts, including restrictions on travel and in-person meetings and preferential or protective government actions, could interrupt our key activities, limit our employee resources, increase our use of digital technologies and the risks associated with them, and have a material adverse impact on our operations (including operations provided by third-party vendors), financial condition (including cash flow, liquidity, loan repayments, collateral values, loan defaults, loan loss reserves, and investment performance), compliance with loan covenants, and financial results. The coronavirus situation has resulted in significant financial market volatility and uncertainty, and we are exposed to the risks of an economic recession, market volatility, and economic and financial crisis. The coronavirus situation and any resultant economic recession or other severe economic disruption in the U.S. or a particular region may also result in decreased contributions to our borrowers, with whom we have a relationship that may differ from commercial lenders, and could adversely affect their ability to fulfill their obligations to us and the value of our collateral. We have and may again defer loan payments or make other loan modifications to accommodate our borrowers, and these accommodations could negatively impact our operations.

Due to the speed with which the coronavirus situation is developing and the unknown duration and severity of the event, the extent to which the event may impact our business will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot

be predicted with confidence, such as the ultimate geographic spread of the disease, the duration of the outbreak, travel restrictions and actions to contain the outbreak or treat its impact, such as social distancing and quarantines or lock-downs, business closures or

business disruptions, the effectiveness of actions taken to contain and treat the disease, and the overall impact on the economy as well as on our borrowers and investors.

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This Offering Circular contains forward-looking statements about our plans, strategies, objectives, goals, and expectations. These forward-looking statements are identifiable by words or phrases indicating that we “expect,” “anticipate,” “project,” “plan,” “believe,” or “intend” that a particular event may or will occur in the future or similarly stated expectations. These forward-looking statements are subject to many factors, including the above Risk Factors and the other information contained in this Offering Circular, that could cause actual results to differ materially from the stated expectations. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect developments or information obtained after the date of this Offering Circular.

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORY

Organization, Purpose, Affiliation with FMCUSA

We are an Oklahoma nonprofit corporation incorporated on December 23, 1987. We have no shareholders and our affairs are administered by our Board of Directors in accordance with FMCUSA’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the *Book of Discipline*, our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws. Our Board of Directors is elected by FMCUSA’s Board of Administration and meets regularly to establish and monitor our policies.

Our offices are located at 8050 Spring Arbor Road, Spring Arbor, Michigan 49283. Our general website is fmfoundation.org. We also have a website specifically dedicated to the Free Methodist Investment & Loan Fund at fmlf.org. Our telephone number is 1-800-325-8975.

Our primary purpose is to manage the financial affairs of FMCUSA in the areas of financial planning, asset management, estate and gift planning, fund raising, trust services and loan assistance to churches and affiliated organizations. We are organized and operated exclusively for religious, educational, charitable and benevolent purposes and we are a tax exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). We are separately incorporated from FMCUSA, but we have close ties to it and one of our purposes is to support its mission.

GuideStream Financial, Inc.

To fulfill our purpose in the areas of financial planning and asset management, we established a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary called GuideStream Financial, Inc. in 2009. GuideStream

Financial is a Michigan corporation and is a registered investment advisory firm regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Members of our Board also serve on the Board of Directors of GuideStream Financial.

GuideStream Financial engages in fiduciary activities by providing personalized financial planning and diversified investment management from a Biblical stewardship perspective to individuals and organizations. Custody of client assets is at Pershing Adviser Solutions, a subsidiary of the Bank of New York — Mellon. GuideStream Financial is not FDIC insured. As of the date of this Offering Circular, none of the client investment accounts managed by GuideStream Financial are invested in our Certificates.

GuideStream Charitable Gift Fund

GuideStream Charitable Gift Fund (“GSCGF”) was established as a Michigan non-profit corporation in September, 2009, and is a 501(c)(3) organization. GSCGF is a donor advised fund created to encourage and assist donors in giving to charitable organizations.

FMLF

To fulfill our purpose in the area of loan assistance to churches and affiliated organizations, we operate FMLF. Certificates are debt obligations that are issued primarily to fund loans. We are offering \$55,000,000 of Certificates on a national basis to accomplish this purpose. See also “Use of Proceeds” below. Our Certificates are our unsecured and uninsured general debt obligations. They are not secured by any particular loans or other assets. See “Unsecured and

Uninsured General Debt Obligations” on page 2. FMLF’s principal executive, Gene E. Keene, is our President and Chief Executive Officer. See “Management” on page 23.

FMLF’s immediate predecessor was the “Church Extension Loan Fund.” That fund was established in 1956 when FMCUSA formed a trust whereby FMCUSA, as trustee, segregated money and properties received from its members and friends for the purpose of making loans to FMCUSA churches and affiliated organizations. In 1987, we assumed management of the Church Extension Loan Fund, although FMCUSA retained its role as trustee of that fund for a time. On December 31, 1993, we assumed the administration of the Church Extension Loan Fund and all assets and obligations of that fund were transferred to us free from any trust or other restrictions. Immediately following that transfer we began the operation of FMLF. While FMLF is part of our general operations, we do segregate it for accounting purposes. Despite this segregation, FMLF is not a separate trust or legal entity. Whenever

financial information in this document is stated in terms of FMLF, the reference is to our internal accounting distinction. If there is no qualification on financial information, the reference is to our entire operation.

Loan Fund Transactions

We may from time to time consider acquiring loans and other assets from other loan funds, and may agree to repay debt securities issued by those loan funds as part of the consideration to be paid for those assets. We have entered into transactions of this nature in the past, and in each case we acquired certain loan receivables and other assets in exchange for agreeing to repay debt securities issued by those loan funds. As of the date of this Offering Circular, all holders of debt securities issued by loan funds that we agreed to repay have terminated their investments in those instruments and have either been repaid or purchased replacement Certificates from us. If we enter into other transactions of this nature, we anticipate they would be structured very similarly.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We are offering a total of \$55,000,000 of Certificates in this offering. This offering amount includes the cash proceeds we will receive from sales of new Certificates and from investors adding additional amounts to their Flexible Certificates, Series F Institutional Certificates and Series P Institutional Certificates after the initial purchase. It also includes the amount of maturing Term Certificates and accrued interest that may be reinvested automatically in accordance with their terms. See “Description of Certificates – Term Certificates” on page 20.

We expect to use the cash proceeds from the sale of the Certificates to make loans primarily to FMCUSA related organizations to acquire, construct, renovate and expand physical facilities, or for their operational needs, to provide liquidity for us, or to pay our operating expenses. We also may use proceeds from the sale of Certificates to pay the expenses of this offering, which are anticipated to be less than one percent of the total offering amount, and on occasion

to make contributions to FMCUSA or FMCUSA organizations. It is our policy, however, to not make contributions to FMCUSA or FMCUSA organizations if those contributions would cause us to not comply with the financial standards of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.’s Statement of Policy Regarding Church Extension Fund Securities (“NASAA SOP”). Funds we do not use immediately for these purposes will be added to our general fund pending such uses.

We do not anticipate using cash proceeds from this offering for cash payments of interest or principal on our outstanding Certificates or other debt securities we issue or agree to repay. However, if revenues from our loans receivable are less than anticipated and if repayment demands on maturing Certificates exceed our historical experience, or if investors in other debt securities we issue or agree to repay redeem more of those securities than expected, it may be necessary to use a portion of the proceeds, along with other available funds, to meet these requirements.

FMLF LENDING ACTIVITIES

General

One of our primary purposes is to provide loans to churches and affiliated or related ministries of FMCUSA. We conduct our lending activities through FMLF. Loans we approve are used to construct new facilities; to renovate, remodel, expand and replace existing facilities; to relocate existing congregations (including the purchase or construction of new worship facilities); to purchase building sites; to refinance existing loans; or to meet other capital or operational needs of our borrowers.

It is our intention that almost all capital acquisition and capital improvement loans, other than loans to FMCUSA itself, be secured by a first lien on the new or improved property or, in rare instances, by security agreements or financing statements on personal property, or by third party guarantees. Accordingly, most of our loans are to organizations in the United States that are secured by first mortgages or deeds of trust. It is our policy that at least 90% of our loans be secured.

We have historically generated the funds necessary for our loan operations primarily through loan repayments, interest earned on loans, income from other investments, the continued sale of new Certificates, the re-investment of maturing Certificates, and contributions and bequests.

Loan Origination Policies

All loans that we make to churches and other organizations are made pursuant to loan guidelines and a formal loan review process. Requests for direct loans are made by filing a written application with us. Loan applications are generally evaluated in the order they are received and after all required information is provided. At the time a loan application is submitted, the applicant is required to provide a number of specific items related to the proposed project, the borrower's financial condition, and the proposed collateral. Each loan from an FMCUSA church must be reviewed and approved by the regional FMCUSA Conference overseeing the church applying for the loan and by the Conference board as required by the *Book of Discipline*. Loans made to FMCUSA churches within the United States are required to be co-signed by the regional FMCUSA Conference in which the borrower is located.

We approve or disapprove each new loan application based on an analysis of construction costs, an appraisal or other valuation of the property, an inspection of the property (when deemed necessary), and an analysis of the financial ability of the applicant to repay the loan. The maximum new loan to a single borrower is generally limited to an amount which would not require annual debt payments, taking into account all outstanding indebtedness of the borrower, to be greater than 30% of the total anticipated annual revenues available to that borrower.

Loans may be made for terms ranging up to 25 years at our then current interest rate. For any loan approved after 2001 that we originated, the interest rate during the life of the loan is subject to potential adjustment every five years within guidelines established by our Board and based on then current market conditions. We generally require payment of principal and interest on all loans in equal monthly installments. All loans may be prepaid at any time, though some loans are subject to prepayment penalties if refinanced with another Financial Institution. We may, in our sole discretion, change the interest rates for new loans at any time. For loans we originate, we typically require title insurance, fire, and extended coverage insurance as lender protections, and we typically use the customary form of security documents currently used in the state where the real property collateral is located. We may or may not require performance bonds for construction loans at the discretion of our Board.

We also may extend lines of credit. We may also charge a fee on the undrawn amount of lines of credit, as determined by our officers.

Loans Outstanding

As of December 31, 2020, we had 137 outstanding loans with balances receivable aggregating \$113,895,564 as follows:

<u>Principal Loan Balance</u>	<u>Number of Loans</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>	<u>Percent of Loan Portfolio</u>
\$0 - \$50,000	19	\$ 535,641	0.47%
\$50,001 - \$100,000	9	628,506	0.55%
\$100,001 - \$250,000	28	4,530,107	3.98%
\$250,001 - \$500,000	30	11,123,145	9.77%
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	17	11,873,839	10.43%
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	18	26,152,737	22.96%
\$2,000,001 - \$3,000,000	7	15,433,885	13.55%
\$3,000,001 - \$4,000,000	4	15,175,932	13.32%
\$4,000,001+	5	28,441,771	24.97%
Total	137	\$ 113,895,564	100.00%

These loans are secured primarily by mortgages or deeds of trust on property located in 25 states. The weighted average of the interest rates as of December 31, 2020, was 5.15%. During 2020, interest earned on these loans totaled \$5,875,150 and the amount of principal returned totaled \$10,009,886.

The following table reflects approximate loan principal maturities due on all of our loans during the periods indicated based on December 31, 2020, data:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal Maturing</u>
2021	\$ 5,602,881
2022	3,697,747
2023	3,875,048
2024	4,064,308
2025	4,227,320
Thereafter	92,428,260
Total	\$ 113,895,564

We have historically refinanced a substantial portion of our loans and have received substantial principal prepayments on a number of unmatured loans each year. Accordingly, the amounts shown as maturing above may vary from the principal repayments we actually receive.

Loan Commitments

As of December 31, 2020, we had \$11,130,063 in outstanding loan commitments that had not been funded. All of these commitments were for loans that will be secured by first mortgages or deeds of trust.

Loan Delinquencies

We consider a loan to be delinquent when interest has been delinquent for over 60 days. As of December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, we had no delinquent loans. However, during 2020 we made temporary deferral payment arrangements on 10 loans with total balances

of \$24,319,386, or 21.4% of total outstanding loans, due to COVID-19 constraints.

Due to the nature of our relationship with borrowers we have generally been willing to make accommodations and refinancing arrangements with borrowers whose payments are not current. Although no assurance is given to borrowers that we will be able or willing to refinance delinquent loans or show forbearance in response to delinquencies, we have taken these actions on occasion in the past in order to help borrowers satisfy their repayment obligations without foreclosure. Our delinquency experience, therefore, cannot be compared with that of a commercial lender.

We consider a loan to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due from the borrower in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan. Impaired loans include nonperforming loans but also include loans modified in troubled debt restructurings where concessions have been granted to borrowers experiencing financial difficulties. These concessions could include a reduction in the interest rate of the loan, payment extensions, forgiveness of principal, forbearance or other actions intended to maximize collection. There were no troubled debt restructurings at December 31, 2020, 2019, or 2018. There were no impaired loans at December 31, 2020, 2019, or 2018. There was no specific allowance for loan loss above our normal allocations relating to impaired loans as of those same dates.

There has been extensive, methodical, and cooperative involvement between FMF, FMCUSA, local conferences, and local ministry leadership involved with the impaired loans described above. We have allowed the loan recipients payment flexibility while the borrowers sell designated properties and repay the loans. While FMLF anticipates full loan repayment at this time, such results are not guaranteed.

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, we restructured or refinanced 2 loans with an aggregate principal balance of \$2,995,678 as of that date, primarily to reduce the interest rates charged on those loans in response to competitive pressures in the market.

Allowance for Loan Losses

Our allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2020, was \$585,000. The allowance for loan losses is

evaluated on a regular basis by management and is based upon management’s periodic review of the collectability of the loans in light of historical experience, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower’s ability to repay, the estimated value of any underlying collateral, and prevailing economic conditions. This evaluation is inherently subjective and requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revision over time.

Acquired Loans

Less than 1% of the outstanding balance of our loans was originated by FMCUSA Conferences, from whom we purchased them. These loans were originated according to the original lender’s loan

policies, which were different than our policies. See the Risk Factor entitled “Not a Commercial Lender” on page 4. Among other differences, those lenders generally did not require appraisals or title insurance on their collateral. In lieu of appraisals, we have established values for the collateral securing the acquired loans by using other sources of information, such as information from an insurance company that previously insured the majority of the acquired loans. We have also obtained title searches on most of the collateral securing the acquired loans, although that collateral is generally not covered by title insurance. We have also purchased a participation interest in a loan that we did not originate. The principal balance of that participation interest was \$6,679,574 as of December 31, 2020.

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Our officers, in conjunction with the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors, manage our investments. We internally recognized a cross functional charge of \$18,173 for these services in 2020. Our policy is to maintain available funds in the form of cash, cash equivalents, readily marketable securities and available lines of credit in an amount not less than 8% of our outstanding Certificates for the purpose of providing short-term liquidity for our various activities. Historically, our liquid assets have been sufficient to meet normal repayment requests by our investors and loan commitment requirements.

Investment Policies

Our investment guidelines vary depending on whether the investments are attributable to FMLF, the pension plan we manage or to trusts we manage. FMLF investments are made up primarily of funds being held either for making loans or repaying investors. Our general investment guidelines state that we strive to keep investments in harmony with the Christian principles of FMCUSA, recognizing the limitations when using mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. As of the date of this document, FMLF funds are held primarily in a mix of cash, cash equivalents, readily marketable funds, and private real estate investment trusts.

Investments

Our cash, cash equivalents, and investments had an aggregate fair market value of \$23,876,228, \$19,367,978, and \$18,442,346, as of December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

As of December 31, 2020, excluding custodial funds and other funds held for others, we had \$16,595,680 in cash and cash equivalents held outside our investment portfolio and \$7,280,548 in investments as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Percentage of Investment Portfolio</u>
Cash and equivalents	\$ 63,540	0.8%
Mortgages & notes	428	0.0%
Equities	6,194,607	85.1%
Investment property	120,215	1.7%
Real estate investment funds	34,409	0.5%
Mutual funds	867,349	11.9%
Total	<u>\$ 7,280,548</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

See also Note 4 of the Financial Statements.

Excluding custodial funds and other funds held for others, we had income and net loss on our investments in 2020 in the amount of (\$143,917) on an average investment balance of \$21,622,103, resulting in an annual rate of return of approximately (0.7%) due to market performance; we had income and net gain on our investments in 2019 in the amount of \$718,626 on an average investment balance of \$18,905,162, resulting in an annual rate of return of approximately 3.87% due to market performance; and we had income and net gain on our investments in 2018 in the amount of \$1,007,779 on an average investment balance of \$18,899,419, resulting in an annual rate of return of approximately 5.3% due to market performance. See “Selected

Consolidated Financial Data” beginning on page 17 for more information on a consolidated basis.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to our FMLF activities, we also assist FMCUSA and its constituents in the areas of financial planning, asset management, estate and gift planning, and trust services. Some of these services are performed in part through our for-profit subsidiary, GuideStream Financial.

In the area of estate and gift planning, our Vice President of Estate and Gift Planning and our regional vice presidents meet throughout the country with individuals affiliated with FMCUSA to assist them with their estate plans. We do not engage in the practice of law, but we do, upon request, recommend attorneys with whom individuals can work. FMCUSA constituents may choose to make a current gift with our assistance to Free Methodist ministries or to make deferred charitable gifts, outright or in trust. One planning tool often used in this regard is the GuideStream Charitable Gift Fund, a separate 501(c)(3) organization. When requested by the individual and it is legally permissible, we also serve as trustee of selected charitable remainder trusts, administer charitable gift annuities and/or serve as a fiduciary for the individual or his or her estate. We also administer FMCUSA’s pooled income fund, and serve as investment manager of FMCUSA’s pension plan, for which FMCUSA serves as trustee.

These activities contributed \$1,966,319 in 2020 (excluding \$30,329 of realized and unrealized investment gains), \$1,790,145 in 2019 (excluding \$24,681 of realized and unrealized investment gains), and \$1,524,416 in 2018 (excluding \$12,806 of realized and unrealized investment gains), to our total revenue, gains and other support, representing 19.1%, 16.9%, and 19.0%, of our total revenue, gains and other support in each of those years. These activities also contributed \$1,918,270, \$1,676,314, and \$1,525,631 to our total expenses in 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively, representing 22.6%, 19.9%, and 19.2% of our total expenses in each of those years.

The Financial Statements provide additional information on these activities, which are unrelated to FMLF. When reviewing our Financial Statements, please note that while they indicate total assets of \$205,015,556, we hold or manage \$47,370,265 of these assets for others in a fiduciary or agency

capacity and these assets would not be available to satisfy our obligations, including the Certificates. Also included in total assets are FMCUSA endowments of \$12,407,400 and assets held in trust of \$6,229,606 which would not be available to satisfy our obligations.

In addition to the types of Certificates offered in this offering, we also offer Series F Institutional Certificates for purchase by trusts or accounts for which we serve as the trustee, custodian or agent. Series F Institutional Certificates have a variable interest rate calculated and adjusted monthly that is equal to the sum of the interest rate we pay on Flexible Certificates plus 0.87%. Amounts can be invested in or redeemed from a Series F Institutional Certificate at any time and in any increment within 30 days of demand, except that we may limit redemptions to no more than \$500,000 per month. We retain the right to redeem any amounts within 30 days of demand. As of December 31, 2020, there were \$808,646 of Series F Institutional Certificates outstanding.

FMCUSA Pension Plan and Discretionary Accounts

We manage the pension assets for FMCUSA’s defined benefit pension plan for annual conferences and headquarters employees. These pension plan assets, which are not included on our Financial Statements, totaled \$166,732,572, \$150,425,455, and \$129,863,290, at December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively. We also manage some accounts for which we serve as the trustee, custodian or agent.

From time to time, FMCUSA’s pension plan and the accounts for which we serve as the trustee, custodian or agent may purchase Series P Institutional Certificates. In addition, the pension plan may purchase loans or loan participations we sell to it from FMLF. FMLF may, in turn, redeem or repay Series P Institutional Certificates, or repurchase these loans or loan participations from the pension plan and those accounts. The decision to purchase or redeem Series P Institutional Certificates or to purchase or sell loans or loan participations is based upon the desired asset mix of the parties, which is determined by us as the investment manager for the plan and accounts and as the issuer of the Certificates. FMCUSA’s policy is to allow up to 30% of FMCUSA

pension fund assets to be invested in Series P Institutional Certificates or FMLF loans. We also have our own investment policy for the pension plan as its investment manager, which further limits the portion of the pension plan's portfolio that can be invested in Series P Institutional Certificates or FMLF loans or loan participations. Series P Institutional Certificates are purchased, repaid and redeemed according to the terms described in "Description of Certificates – Institutional Certificates" on page 20. Loans or loan participations may be sold to the pension plan or repurchased by us at a price equal to the amount of principal and interest owed on the loan (or portion thereof) by the borrower at the time of the sale or purchase. The pension plan held \$0, \$6,565,422, and \$3,005,517 in Series P Institutional Certificates as of December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively, and held no outstanding loans or loan participations as of those same dates. We began to offer Series P Institutional Certificates to other accounts for which we serve as the trustee, custodian or agent as of the effectiveness of our securities registration and exemption filings in 2020, and no such accounts held any Series P Institutional Certificates prior to that time.

GuideStream Financial, Inc.

GuideStream Financial, Inc. is a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary of the Foundation, and is a registered investment advisory firm regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. GuideStream Financial's bylaws require that a majority of its directors also be serving on our Board of Directors.

GuideStream Financial provides discretionary investment advisory services and investment management services to its clients. GuideStream Financial may also provide financial planning and consulting services upon request, including investment and non-investment services, such as estate planning, tax planning and insurance planning. GuideStream Financial may also recommend the services of accountants, attorneys, insurance agents and other professionals to its clients, some of whom may also be GuideStream Financial's employees or agents with respect to other services. GuideStream Financial does not offer broker-dealer or custodial services to its clients, and may provide recommendations for providers of these services. As of the date of this Offering Circular, GuideStream Financial typically recommends Pershing Adviser Solutions, a subsidiary of the Bank of New York — Mellon for these services. GuideStream Financial

has an agreement with Pershing to provide these services. GuideStream Financial is not FDIC insured.

Some of our directors, officers and employees are also directors, officers or employees of GuideStream Financial, and some of our clients and investors might also be clients of GuideStream Financial. GuideStream Financial does not, however, have discretionary authority to purchase our Certificates, and does not provide investment advisory services to us. As of the date of this Offering Circular, none of GuideStream Financial's accounts held our Certificates.

In the fiscal years ending December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, GuideStream Financial had revenue, gains and other support of \$932,251, \$969,766, and \$863,938 respectively, which represented 9.0%, 9.1%, and 10.8% of our total revenue, gains and other support for each respective year. This compares to GuideStream Financial expenses of \$889,444, \$894,924, and \$829,776, for those same years, which represented 10.5%, 10.6%, and 10.5% of our total expenses for each of those years on a consolidated basis.

GuideStream Charitable Gift Fund

GuideStream Charitable Gift Fund was established as a Michigan non-profit corporation in September, 2009. GSCGF is a 501(c)(3) organization, and some of our directors, officers and employees are also directors, officers or employees of GSCGF, though GSCGF's bylaws limit the number of common directors to no more than 49% of its directors. GSCGF is a donor advised fund created to encourage and assist donors in giving to charitable organizations.

Goldstar Trust Company

We have an agreement with Goldstar to allow our investors to establish self-directed Traditional, Roth, SEP and SIMPLE IRAs and Education Savings Accounts at Goldstar, which then purchase our Flexible or Term Certificates. GoldStar will establish IRAs to accommodate IRA rollovers, transfers from existing IRAs and new accounts, will act as the custodian for such self-directed IRAs, and will invest IRA funds in accordance with your instructions. We reserve the right to limit the amount of Certificates we will sell to a particular IRA, and to change or terminate our agreement with Goldstar. Certificates purchased as IRA investments will be subject to the same terms, conditions and risks as regular Certificates of each respective type. IRAs are subject to the rules and regulations for IRAs set forth in the Internal Revenue

Code and Regulations. Consultation with a competent financial and tax adviser is recommended.

We pay Goldstar's annual maintenance fee and transaction fee to administer and manage these IRA accounts. All other Goldstar fees are the responsibility of the IRA holder. We or Goldstar may change this fee arrangement at any time, but we will give at least 15 days' written notice to IRA account holders of any fee increase. Early redemption penalties would continue to apply even if we changed the current fee arrangement. As of December 31, 2020, there were \$10,410,562 in Flexible and Term Certificates held by investors through these IRA accounts.

Shared Services

We have service contracts with GuideStream Financial and GSCGF relating to building and equipment rentals, reimbursement for our employees who provide administrative and professional services to those entities, and other operating expenses. We allocate these shared expenses based on the relative use of each service by us and the other entities. During 2020, 2019, and 2018, GuideStream Financial and GSCGF collectively reimbursed us \$601,556, \$597,550, and \$597,717 respectively, for services rendered to them by our employees.

Other Lending

Finally, we have extended \$100,000 revolving lines of credit to GuideStream Financial and GSCGF. As of December 31, 2020, there were no amounts outstanding on these loans.

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The tables below set forth select financial information of the Foundation and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 through 2020. This information is based on our historical financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,595,680	\$ 4,122,652	\$ 3,796,632	\$ 1,020,314	\$ 10,480,498
Investments	7,280,548	15,245,326	14,645,714	18,336,178	5,830,437
Loans receivable, net	114,399,136	110,380,873	105,878,934	102,161,336	99,743,031
Other receivables	150,452	164,167	37,565	4,945	9,900
Assets held as trustee, custodian or agent	66,007,271	60,139,530	55,040,676	59,076,644	53,662,580
Other assets	582,469	625,721	673,386	735,854	741,605
Total assets	\$ 205,015,556	\$ 190,678,269	\$ 180,072,907	\$ 181,335,271	\$ 170,468,051
Investment certificates*	\$ 131,328,093	\$ 122,590,139	\$ 117,153,998	\$ 115,308,386	\$ 111,834,997
Trusts and other liabilities	\$ 3,157,531	\$ 3,175,367	\$ 3,714,995	\$ 3,525,824	\$ 3,363,673
Funds held for others*	49,970,353	46,155,833	42,535,270	45,912,192	41,536,774
Other liabilities	33,697	66,214	152,537	174,101	192,610
Total liabilities	\$ 184,489,674	\$ 171,987,553	\$ 163,556,800	\$ 164,920,503	\$ 156,928,054
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ 5,966,499	\$ 5,849,770	\$ 5,207,521	\$ 4,485,006	\$ 3,215,164
Net assets with donor restrictions	14,559,383	12,840,946	11,308,586	11,929,762	10,324,833
Total net assets	\$ 20,525,882	\$ 18,690,716	\$ 16,516,107	\$ 16,414,768	\$ 13,539,997
Change in net assets	\$ 1,835,166	\$ 2,174,609	\$ 101,339	\$ 2,874,771	\$ 876,379
Cash proceeds from investors' certificates*	\$ 31,640,872	\$ 20,516,360	\$ 23,059,162	\$ 17,878,923	\$ 26,393,483
Redemptions of investors' certificates*	22,902,918	15,080,219	21,213,550	14,405,535	14,426,346
Net change in investors' certificates*	\$ 8,737,954	\$ 5,436,141	\$ 1,845,612	\$ 3,473,389	\$ 11,967,137

*Certificates held by the Foundation as trustee, custodian or agent are included as liabilities in "Funds held for others" and not in "Investment certificates." We received cash proceeds of \$2,318,599 and redeemed \$2,780,199 of such Certificates during 2020. We held \$1,995,462 of such Certificates as "Funds held for others" at December 31, 2020.

<u>Year ending December 31:</u>	<u>Unsecured Loans:</u>		<u>Delinquent Loans:</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
2016	\$0	0%	\$3,297,573	3.3%
2017	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
2018	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
2019	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
2020	\$0	0%	\$0	0%

DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL DATA

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

In 2020, our change in net assets, or net income, was \$1,835,166. The result from operations was a positive net income of \$116,729. In addition, there was \$151,286 of net income, expense and realized and unrealized losses on investments in managed and endowment funds that we own or for which we are a named beneficiary. Net realized and unrealized losses on investments as well as the net of contributions, earnings and distribution expenses totaled \$1,483,430 in the FMCUSA endowments that are Assets Held for Benefit of Related Organization on our Statement of Financial Position. See Note 7 in the Financial Statements. The activity in these endowments does not materially impact our liquidity or our ability to meet our obligations to investors in the Certificates. Net income and realized and unrealized losses in irrevocable split interest trusts that will benefit us at maturity amounted to \$83,721.

During 2020, due in part to loan modification requests from several of our borrowers and the economic uncertainty caused by the disruptions to many of our borrowers' key activities, we applied for and received a loan of \$529,900 from Comerica Bank under the Paycheck Protection Program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA"). The SBA has fully forgiven the loan, and no balance remains outstanding on the loan as of December 31, 2020. See Note 1 in the Financial Statements.

As of December 31, 2020, our outstanding Certificates totaled \$131,328,093, excluding Certificates we held as a trustee, custodian or agent for others in the amount of \$1,995,462. During 2019, the weighted average of the interest rates paid on our Certificates decreased from 2.86% to 2.46%. Interest rates offered on Certificates are based upon a number of factors, including current market rates.

In 2020, our loan portfolio increased by \$3,149,811 from \$110,745,753 on December 31,

2019, to \$113,895,563 on December 31, 2020. This change represented a 2.8% overall change. During 2020, we approved \$9,777,600 in new loans.

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019

In 2019, our change in net assets, or net income, was \$2,174,609. The result from operations was a positive net income of \$616,963. In addition, there was \$145,040 of net income, expense and realized and unrealized losses on investments in managed and endowment funds that we own or for which we are a named beneficiary. Net realized and unrealized losses on investments as well as the net of contributions, earnings and distribution expenses totaled \$1,371,374 in the FMCUSA endowments that are Assets Held for Benefit of Related Organization on our Statement of Financial Position. See Note 7 in the Financial Statements. The activity in these endowments does not materially impact our liquidity or our ability to meet our obligations to investors in the Certificates. Net income and realized and unrealized losses in irrevocable split interest trusts that will benefit us at maturity amounted to \$41,232.

As of December 31, 2019, our outstanding Certificates totaled \$122,590,139, excluding Certificates we held as a trustee, custodian or agent for others in the amount of \$2,379,111. During 2019, the weighted average of the interest rates paid on our Certificates increased from 5.22% to 5.24%. Interest rates offered on Certificates are based upon a number of factors, including current market rates.

In 2019, our loan portfolio increased by \$4,509,593 from \$106,236,160 on December 31, 2018, to \$110,745,753 on December 31, 2019. This change represented a 4.2% overall change. During 2019, we approved \$17,582,819 in new loans.

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2018

In 2018, our change in net assets, or net income, was \$101,339. The result from operations was a

positive net income of \$709,709. In addition, there was (\$54,525) of net income, expense and realized and unrealized losses on investments in managed and endowment funds that we own or for which we are a named beneficiary. Net realized and unrealized losses on investments as well as the net of contributions, earnings and distribution expenses totaled (\$502,143) in the FMCUSA endowments that are Assets Held for Benefit of Related Organization on our Statement of Financial Position. See Note 7 in the Financial Statements. The activity in these endowments does not materially impact our liquidity or our ability to meet our obligations to investors in the Certificates. Net income and realized and unrealized losses in irrevocable split interest trusts that will benefit us at maturity amounted to (\$51,702).

As of December 31, 2018, our outstanding Certificates totaled \$117,153,998, excluding Certificates we held as a trustee, custodian or agent for others in the amount of \$2,894,170. During 2018, the weighted average of the interest rates paid on our Certificates increased from 2.52% to 2.72%. Interest rates offered on Certificates are based upon a number of factors, including current market rates.

In 2018, our loan portfolio increased by \$3,735,601 from \$102,500,559 on December 31, 2017, to \$106,236,160 on December 31, 2018. This change represented a 3.64% overall change. During 2018, we approved \$19,350,885 in new loans.

Liquidity Policy

Our policy is to maintain available funds in the form of cash, cash equivalents, readily marketable

securities and available lines of credit in an amount not less than 8% of our outstanding Certificates for the purpose of providing short-term liquidity for our various activities. These assets totaled \$23,755,585 or 17.8% of outstanding Certificates as of December 31, 2020, without taking into account available lines of credit.

Line of Credit; Series P Certificate

We have a \$250,000 line of credit from Comerica Bank that is secured by a blanket lien on all of our assets. This is a variable rate demand note with no stated maturity date and is established to provide flexibility for short-term cash flow needs. We pay a variable rate of interest on funds we borrow under the line of credit at a rate equal to 1.00% over the bank's prime rate. Our Board of Directors has imposed an additional restriction that any draw must be repaid within 60 days unless authorization is received from the Board to extend the length of the draw. As of December 31, 2020, there was no outstanding balance on this line of credit.

We also have an arrangement with the FMCUSA pension plan that allows us, as investment manager for the plan, to invest in or redeem all or portions of the Series P Institutional Certificate held by the plan, or to invest in or sell participation interests in our loans. This arrangement provides us with additional liquidity as necessary. See "Other Activities and Related Party Transactions – FMCUSA Pension Plan" on page 15 and "Description of the Certificates – Institutional Certificates" on page 20. It is our policy not to securitize any portion of our loan portfolio.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CERTIFICATES

General Terms Applicable to All Certificates

We are offering for sale \$55,000,000 of Flexible Certificates, Term Certificates, Series F Institutional Certificates and Series P Institutional Certificates on a national basis. All statements about the Certificates are qualified by the information contained in the "State Specific Information" section beginning on page iii.

Our Certificates are our unsecured and uninsured general debt obligations. They are not secured by any particular loans or other assets, and are subordinated to secured debt. See Risk Factors entitled "Unsecured and Uninsured General Debt Obligations" on page 2 and "Subordinate to Existing and Future Senior Secure Indebtedness" on page 2.

The minimum investment amounts and available interest rates for Certificates at the time this Offering Circular was sent to you are set forth on the enclosed rate sheet. Current rates can also be obtained by visiting our website at fmlf.org or calling 1-800-325-8975. We regularly review the interest rates we are paying on our Certificates and we periodically revise our rates based on market conditions, prevailing interest rates and other applicable indicators. Interest rates on Flexible Certificates are variable and may be adjusted periodically. Interest rates on Term Certificates are fixed and do not change over the term of the Certificate. Interest rates on Series F Institutional Certificates and Series P Institutional Certificates are variable and are adjusted monthly.

Interest compounds daily on all Certificates and is either posted to principal or paid out on a monthly or quarterly basis.

The Certificates are not transferable. We reserve the right, at any time, to redeem a Certificate upon 30 days' prior written notice. In the event of such a redemption, interest would be paid to the date of the redemption.

Flexible Certificates

Amounts can be invested in or redeemed from a Flexible Certificate at any time and in any increment. We generally will pay you the redemption amount within 30 days of your request. We will provide quarterly investment statements reflecting the principal and accrued interest of each Flexible Certificate.

Term Certificates

Term Certificates are issued for various terms, typically less than 5 years, and earn interest at a fixed rate for the duration of the selected term. We will notify you in writing at least 30 days before your Term Certificate matures. While it is our policy to provide all investors with a paper copy of our Offering Circular each year by mail, your maturity notice will also include instructions on how you can access an electronic copy of our Offering Circular at that time. You may redeem your Term Certificate up to 10 days after its maturity or elect to invest the maturing amount in one of our other Term Certificates or a Flexible Certificate. If you do not act, your Term Certificate will become a demand instrument and we will pay you interest at a variable interest rate.

Purchases by IRAs and ESAs

As of the date of this Offering Circular, we have an agreement with Goldstar Trust Company to serve as custodian for self-directed IRAs for investors who choose to purchase Certificates through these types of accounts and are qualified to do so. Under this agreement, GoldStar will establish an IRA account to accommodate IRA rollovers, transfers from existing accounts, and new accounts; will act as the custodian for such self-directed IRAs; and will invest IRA funds in accordance with your instructions. We reserve the right to limit the amount of Certificates we will sell to a particular IRA.

Certificates purchased as IRA investments will be subject to the same terms, conditions and risks as other

Certificates of the same type. As of the date of this Offering Circular, we pay Goldstar's annual maintenance fee and transaction fee to administer and manage these IRA accounts. All other Goldstar fees are the responsibility of the IRA holder. We or Goldstar may change this fee arrangement at any time, but we will give at least 15 days' written notice to IRA account holders of any fee increase. Early redemption penalties would continue to apply even if we changed the current fee arrangement.

If you establish an IRA with GoldStar, it will be subject to the rules and regulations for IRAs as set forth in the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations. Consultation with a competent financial and tax adviser is recommended.

Certificates Held as Custodian for Minors

We permit investors to hold Certificates in their capacities as custodians for the benefit of a minor under the Michigan Uniform Transfers to Minors Act ("UTMA"). UTMA allows an adult (usually a parent or grandparent) to make investments in a Certificate for the benefit of a minor without the complications of establishing a formal trust or guardianship. If you select this option, Certificate ownership will be recorded in your name as "custodian for minor under the Michigan Uniform Transfer to Minors Act." By law this ownership designation is irrevocable. The Certificate will be the legal property of the minor and will be subject to your control as the custodian until the minor turns 18, at which time the Certificate will become the unrestricted property of the minor. For more specific information about UTMA, including potential tax benefits and consequences, we recommend that you consult your attorney or financial advisor.

Institutional Certificates

Series P Institutional Certificates are only available to FMCUSA's pension plan and accounts for which we serve as the trustee, custodian or agent. Series P Certificates have a variable interest rate calculated and adjusted monthly. The interest rate is based upon the average rate of return of our loan portfolio less 0.8%. Amounts can be invested in or redeemed from a Series P Institutional Certificate at any time and in any increment within 30 days of demand, except that we may limit redemptions to no more than \$500,000 per month. We retain the right to redeem any amounts within 30 days of demand.

Series F Institutional Certificates are only available for purchase by trusts or accounts for which we serve as the trustee or agent. Series F Certificates have a variable interest rate calculated and adjusted monthly that is equal to the sum of the interest rate we pay on Flexible Certificates plus 0.87%. Amounts can be invested in or redeemed from a Series F Institutional Certificate at any time and in any increment within 30 days of demand, except that we may limit redemptions to no more than \$500,000 per month. We retain the right to redeem any amounts within 30 days of demand.

Early Redemption

We are not obligated to accept requests for early redemption. If you request redemption of your Term Certificate before its maturity date and we permit it, our current policy is to assess a prepayment penalty in an amount equal to 3 months' accrued interest for a Term Certificate with a term of less than 2 years, and 6 months' accrued interest for Term Certificates with a term of 2 or more years. In certain circumstances, such as the death of a Certificate holder, long term care needs, or for donations to Free Methodist charities, we may be more likely to grant early redemption requests and may waive these penalties.

Certificate Maturity Information

In the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, 90%, 92%, and 90% respectively, of maturing Term Certificates were extended or reinvested. During fiscal years 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively, we redeemed a total of \$2,632,264, \$1,702,732, and \$2,106,486 of Term Certificates and had reinvestments of \$24,113,276, \$19,253,216, and \$19,222,576. Our net Flexible Certificates outstanding increased by \$9,975,755 in 2020, increased by \$171,952 in 2019, and decreased by \$608,779 in 2018. Our outstanding Series P Institutional Certificates and Series F Institutional Certificates decreased by \$7,007,022 in 2020, increased by \$2,994,576 in 2019, and increased by \$3,180,517 in 2018. There can be no assurance, however, that any identifiable trends in the forgoing will continue.

The maturities of our Flexible Certificates, Institutional Certificates, and Term Certificates as of December 31, 2020, were as follows:

Type of Certificate / Year Ending December 31	Investors' Certificates	Certificates Held for Others*	Total Principal Maturing
Flexible	\$ 43,771,253	\$ 640,316	\$ 44,411,569
Series F	0	808,646	808,646
Series P	0	0	0
2021	27,188,747	230,000	27,418,747
2022	18,487,993	82,000	18,569,993
2023	12,156,796	0	12,156,796

Distribution of Certificates

We have not hired any underwriters to assist with this offering, nor do we intend to. Where required by state law, some of our officers and employees have registered as agents or salespersons. These individuals answer investors' questions and give presentations to potential investors. We do not pay any commissions or other compensation to our officers and employees or anyone else for any sale of our Certificates.

We use brochures and other advertising materials to promote the sale of our Certificates. These materials are distributed directly to FMCUSA churches, as well as handed out at meetings, conventions, seminars, and retreats of FMCUSA organizations. From time to time, we run ads in national and regional publications of FMCUSA, and send materials directly to current and former investors. Information about our Certificates and programs are also available on our website at fmlf.org. Except for the Offering Circular, supplements to the Offering Circular, if any, and interest rate sheets posted on our website, the information available on our website is not part of the Offering Circular.

Type of Certificate / Year Ending December 31	Investors' Certificates	Certificates Held for Others*	Total Principal Maturing
2024	11,297,517	234,500	11,532,017
2025	18,425,787	0	18,425,787
Total	\$ 131,328,093	\$ 1,995,462	\$ 133,323,555

* These Certificates were held by us as a trustee, custodian or agent and are included in “Funds held for others” on our consolidated statement of financial position.

HOW TO PURCHASE A CERTIFICATE

If, after reading this Offering Circular, you would like to purchase one of our Certificates, you should complete the Purchase Application included with this Offering Circular. Send the completed Purchase Application to The Free Methodist Foundation, 8050 Spring Arbor Road, P.O. Box 580, Spring Arbor, Michigan 49283, along with a check made out to “The Free Methodist Foundation” or “FMF” in the amount of your initial investment. Certificates are issued for 100% of the principal amount invested.

If you are considering purchasing one or more Certificates through an IRA or ESA, you should

contact us and we will provide you with contact information for Goldstar Trust Company. Goldstar serve as a custodian for self-directed IRAs and ESAs. “Description of Certificates – Purchases by IRAs and ESAs” on page 20.

We sell our Certificates only through our officers and employees, and only by this Offering Circular. We do not use underwriters or outside selling agents, and no direct or indirect commissions or other remuneration will be paid in connection with the offer and sale of the Certificates.

TAX ASPECTS

The interest paid or accrued on the Certificates will be taxable as ordinary income to you in the earlier of the year it is paid or the year it is accrued, depending on your method of accounting. If interest is reinvested over the life of a Certificate and is paid at the time of redemption, you must nevertheless report the interest as income on your federal income tax returns and state income tax returns, if applicable, as it is reinvested over the life of the Certificate. We will notify you of interest earned each year on your Certificate(s) by providing a Federal Income Tax Form 1099 or the comparable form by January 31st of each following year. We may withhold federal income tax from each payment of interest if you fail to provide us with your social security or employer identification number when you invest in the Certificates or if we are notified that you have underreported your income to the Internal Revenue Service. You will not be taxed on the return of the principal amount of a Certificate or on the payment of previously accrued and taxed interest. You will not receive a receipt for a charitable contribution and you will not be entitled to a charitable deduction for the purchase of the Certificates.

If you (or you and your spouse together) have invested or loaned more than \$250,000 in the

aggregate with or to us and other charitable organizations that control, are controlled by or under common control with us, you may be deemed to receive additional taxable interest under section 7872 of the IRC, if the interest actually accruing on your Certificate is less than the applicable federal rate. If you believe this applies to you, you should consult your tax advisor.

This section summarizes some federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Certificates based upon the IRC, the regulations promulgated under the IRC and existing administrative interpretations and court decisions. Future legislation, regulations, administrative interpretations, or court decisions could change these authorities either prospectively or retroactively. This summary does not address all aspects of federal income taxation that may be important to you in light of your particular circumstances or if you are subject to special rules, such as rules applicable to financial institutions or tax-exempt organizations or if you are not a citizen or resident of the United States.

This discussion of federal income tax consequences was written to support the promotion or marketing of the Certificates and is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, by any taxpayer for the purpose of avoiding tax penalties. Each prospective investor is

advised to consult the investor's own tax counsel or advisor as to the federal state, local, or foreign

income or other tax consequences particular to the investor's investment in our Certificates.

MANAGEMENT

Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors may consist of no fewer than eight and no more than fifteen members. Currently, there are thirteen directors. The members of our Board, which is divided into three classes, are elected by FMCUSA's Board of Administration for rotating three-year terms. Each of our directors is also a director of GuideStream Financial, Inc. Our Board meets for regularly scheduled meetings at least two times a year and via telephone as the need arises. As of the date of this document, the following individuals were members of our Board:

Gene E. Keene, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, age 74, was appointed as our President and Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2004. He served as Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at Seattle Pacific University, a Free Methodist-affiliated school, from 1990 to 2003. Mr. Keene is also the CEO and a director of GuideStream Financial, Inc. Immediately before joining us as President, Mr. Keene served as Treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the FMCUSA and was a member of its Board of Administration. Mr. Keene received his BA from Eastern Washington State University; his MBA from Gonzaga University; and a CPA designation from the State of Washington. Mr. Keene is also CEO and a director for GSCGF.

Bradley Button, Director, age 53, has served as the Superintendent of the East Michigan Conference of the FMCUSA since 2015. He previously served as Missions Mobilizer at Free Methodist World Missions from 2013 to 2015, and prior to that position served as Minister and Church Planter in various Free Methodist churches and initiatives since 1994. Mr. Button earned his BS in Business Administration from Roberts Wesleyan College; his MS in Public Administration from the State University of New York; and his Masters of Divinity from Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College. His term on our Board expires in 2023.

Kwok Cheung (Caleb) Chan, Director, age 61, is the Dean of the Gainey School of Business at Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan, and has served in this capacity since 2012. From 1993 until

beginning his tenure as Dean of the Gainey School of Business in 2012, Dr. Chan served as a business professor at Spring Arbor University. Dr. Chan earned his BA in Business Administration and Economics from King College and his Ph.D. in Decision Sciences from Georgia State University. Dr. Chan's term on our Board of Directors expires in 2022.

Evan R. Collins, Vice-Chairman and Director, age 83, is the former President, CFO/CIO (retired) of Butterfield Memorial Foundation. He is a member of the Board of Administration of the Southern California Conference of the Free Methodist Church of North America and serves as Chair of their Management Group. He is also the Secretary of Azusa Pacific University and is a member of its Board of Trustees, serves on their Investment Committee, and is Chair of the Advancement Committee. Mr. Collins was a Senior Vice President at Wachovia Securities (and its predecessor Prudential Securities) from 1989 to 2007. Mr. Collins received his BA from Dartmouth College, and an MBA from Amos Tuck School of Business Administration. His term on our Board expires in 2022.

William Crothers, Director, age 78, is the founder of Presidential Leadership Associates, where he worked from 2002 until 2018. He is President Emeritus of Roberts Wesleyan College, a Free Methodist-affiliated school. Prior to his current position, Dr. Crothers was the President of the Roberts Wesleyan College from 1981 to 2002. Dr. Crothers received his BA in Business Administration from the University of Michigan – Flint College; his MBA in finance from Western Michigan University; and his PhD in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University. Mr. Crothers' term on our Board expires in 2022.

Lloyd G. Ganton, Director, age 85, is the owner and CEO of Ganton Retirement Centers, where he has been in management since 1968. Mr. Ganton also currently serves as a trustee of Hope Africa University, a Free Methodist-affiliated school in Burundi, Africa. Mr. Ganton received his BS from Greenville College and his MS from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Ganton's term on our Board expires in 2021.

David R. Goodnight, Chairman and Director, age 60, is an attorney and a partner at Stoel Rives. He is a director and Chairman of the board for Warm Beach Christian Camps and Conference Center, a Free Methodist ministry. Mr. Goodnight has held his current position with Stoel Rives since 2003, and immediately prior to that was an attorney with Dorsey & Whitney from 1999 to 2003. Mr. Goodnight received his AA from Central Christian College of Kansas; his BA from Greenville College; his JD from Valparaiso University; and his LLM from Yale Law School. Mr. Goodnight is also chairman and a director for GSCGF. Mr. Goodnight's term on our Board expires in 2021.

Eric W. Logan, Director, age 67, is the IT Enterprise Architect and Project Manager for the City of Rochester, New York, a position he has held since 2010. Previously, Mr. Logan was IT Management Consultant with Technisource from 2009 to 2010; Project Manager at Carestream Health from 2007 to 2009; and IT Manager at Eastman Kodak Company from 1981 to 2007. He has also served on the FMCUSA Board of Administration and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hochstein School of Music and Dance. Mr. Logan earned his BA from Roberts Wesleyan College. His term on our Board expires in 2022.

Victor C. Moses, Director, age 73, is retired. Previously, Mr. Moses had his own consulting business, was a managing director of Fortress Investment Group from 2008 to 2010, and served in various actuarial, chief actuary, CFO and SVP positions from 1971 to 2008. Mr. Moses obtained his Bachelor of Science from Seattle Pacific University, and is a Fellow with the Society of Actuaries. Mr. Moses' term on our Board expires in 2023.

Larry P. Roberts, Director, age 70, is the President and Sole Member of both KMTR Television, LLC and Roberts Media, LLC. KMTR Television, LLC owns three NBC television stations in Oregon. Mr. Roberts was the Chief Operating Officer of FMCUSA from 2012 to 2017. He serves as Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, as Director and Chairman of The Immigration Alliance, a Director of Olive Branch Mission of Chicago, a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Christian College of Kansas, a board member of Cornerstone Community Church, a Director of the Southeast Region Conference of the FMCUSA, and as a Director of Heritage Ministries. Previously, he was the pastor of New Heights

Christian Fellowship in Boise, ID for 17 months, and before that was Vice President of Fisher Communications, and President of Fisher Radio Regional Group, positions he held since 2006 and 1982, respectively. Mr. Roberts received his BS from the University of Minnesota. His term on our Board expires in 2021.

Andrea Shields, Director, age 64, is a Realtor at Keller Williams Realty, a position she has held since 2009. She previously was a Realtor at Coldwell Banker Realty from 1989 to 2009, and a Legal Assistant for the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserves from 1984 to 1995. Ms. Shields also has served as Director and Community Liaison for Southern Living Academy. Her term on our Board expires in 2021.

Charles R. Toy, Secretary and Director, age 70, is retired. He is the former Associate Dean of Career and Professional Development (2008 to 2019), Adjunct Professor (2001 to 2008), and member of the Board of Directors (2005 to 2008) at Western Michigan University-Thomas M. Cooley Law School. From 2003 to 2019, Mr. Toy was a member of the Board of Administration of FMCUSA. Mr. Toy continues to serve on the BOA Benefits Committee, a position he has held since 2011. Prior to these positions, he was a shareholder at Farhat & Story, P.C., from 1984 through 2008; a Contract Administrative Law Judge with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality from 1986 to 1992; and an Adjunct Professor at Spring Arbor College in 1996 and 1997. Mr. Toy received his BA from Oakland University; his MS from Michigan State University; and his JD from WMU-Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Mr. Toy is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan. Mr. Toy was the 75th President of the State Bar of Michigan in 2009. Mr. Toy's term on our Board expires in 2023.

Matthew Whitehead, Director, age 64, has been the Bishop of FMCUSA since 2019. Prior to that time, he served as Superintendent of the Pacific Northwest Conference, Free Methodist Church from 2000 to 2019. Bishop Whitehead earned his BA from Seattle Pacific University, his Masters of Divinity from Western Evangelical Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary. Bishop Whitehead's term on our Board expires in 2022.

Officers

Four of our directors, David R. Goodnight, Evan R. Collins, Gene E. Keene, and Charles R. Toy, also

serve as our Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President and Secretary, respectively. Some additional officers of note include the following:

Daniel A. Kurtz, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, age 69, has served as Vice President of Finance, and was named our Chief Financial Officer in 2004. He was elected as our Treasurer in March, 2003, and as our Assistant Secretary in March, 2012. From 1973 until 1998, Mr. Kurtz was employed by Harvard Industries, Inc., in various areas of finance, including Manager – Financial Reporting and Planning, Manager of Costs and Budgets, and Manager of Financial Analysis. Mr. Kurtz is also Treasurer of GuideStream Financial. Mr. Kurtz received his BA from Spring Arbor University and holds a Certified Fiduciary and Investment Risk Specialist (CFIRS) designation from Cannon Financial Institute. Mr. Kurtz serves as a director of Butterfield Memorial Foundation, Sister Connection and Friends of Immanuel University.

Mark S. Olson, Executive Vice President, Chief Investment Officer, and Assistant Treasurer, age 63, has served as our Vice President, Free Methodist Investment & Loan Fund Division, since 1999, was elected as our Executive Vice President in November 2003, and was elected as our Assistant Treasurer in March, 2012. Prior to joining FMF, Mr. Olson had accumulated 20 years' experience in finance, operations and executive management. Mr. Olson is also the President, Chief Investment Officer, and a member of the Board of Directors of GuideStream Financial. Mr. Olson received his BA and MBA from Spring Arbor University, a CIMA® (Certified Investment Management Analyst™) designation from the Investments and Wealth Institute and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and an AIF® (Accredited Investment Fiduciary®) designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies. Mr. Olson is a Board member at Henry Ford Allegiance Health System in Jackson, MI and Chair of the Investment Sub-committee. He is also a trustee of the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, MI and chair of its Board of Directors Investment Sub-committee.

Timothy J. Burkhart, age 55, has served as FMF's Vice President – Estate and Gift Planning since 2002. Prior to this position, Mr. Burkhart was a regional vice president for the Foundation from 1996 to 2002. Mr. Burkhart is also President and Chief Operating Office and a member of the Board of Directors of GSCGF.

He received his AAS from Purdue University in 1985 and a BS from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1990.

Joshua Adams, Director of Loan Fund Operations, age 40, has served with us since 2004. Mr. Adams earned both his BA in business and his MBA from Spring Arbor University. Mr. Adams also serves on the Board of Directors of Jackson Free Methodist Church.

Compensation

All directors serve on a volunteer basis and are not compensated for time and services rendered as Board members. Board members are, however, upon request, reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in attending Board meetings.

During 2020, Gene E. Keene, Daniel A. Kurtz, Mark S. Olson, Timothy J. Burkhart and Joshua D. Adams were the only current officers receiving a salary. The aggregate amount of all remuneration that we paid to these officers during 2020 was \$1,091,404, which includes salary, health and other insurance, and retirement plan contributions. \$364,419 of this amount was allocable to FMLF.

The aggregate amount of all remuneration for officers in 2021 is anticipated to be approximately \$1,113,733. Although our officers receive a salary for their services as our officers and employees, they do not receive any remuneration for the sale of the Certificates.

During the three-year period preceding this offering, there have been no material transactions or agreements between us and any of our officers, directors or principal employees or any entity directly or indirectly controlled by them and no transactions like this are currently planned. Our officers and directors beneficially owned Certificates totaling \$1,173,795, \$1,135,363, and \$907,353 as of March 3, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. As of the date of this document, no officer or director has informed us that he presently intends to purchase any additional Certificates.

Board Relationships

All of our directors are also GuideStream Financial directors. In addition, some of our directors and officers may serve on boards of their local churches, and other FMCUSA organizations to which we make loans or sell Certificates, or to which

GuideStream Financial or the GSCGF provide services. Generally, we do not consider these affiliations to be strong enough to constitute related party transactions in either our Certificate or loan programs. Any material affiliated transactions must be approved by a majority of our independent directors according to our Conflict of Interest Policy to ensure that any such transactions will be conducted on terms that are no less favorable to us than the terms that could be obtained from unaffiliated third parties.

We may periodically have loans or Certificates outstanding with FMCUSA organizations with whom directors or officers are affiliated, or Certificates outstanding with directors or officers themselves. As of December 31, 2020, we had no loans outstanding directly with any of our officers or directors. The FMCUSA pension plan does occasionally make loans to FMCUSA executives, and as manager of the pension plan we assist FMCUSA in the process of approving those loans.

LEGAL MATTERS

As of the date of this document, there were no material suits, actions or other legal proceedings or claims pending, or to our knowledge, threatened against us, GuideStream Financial, or against any individual in his or her capacity as our officer or director or as an officer or director of GuideStream

Financial. There have been no material legal proceedings against us since our inception, though we were named in a lawsuit over a boundary dispute between one of our borrowers and a third party years ago, which has since been resolved.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Our Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2020, December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, and for the years then ended,

included in this document, have been audited by BKD, LLP, independent auditors, whose address is 200 E. Main Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802.

OTHER INFORMATION

It is our policy to provide current investors with our audited Financial Statements each year within 120 days of our fiscal year end and upon written request.

From time to time, we may distribute advertising materials through FMCUSA churches or organizations, make audio and video presentations in churches, publish advertisements in national publications, and mail literature to potential

investors. We may also include information on a website about our Certificates, including current interest rates. We have not, however, authorized anyone to give any information or make any representations with regard to the offering of our Certificates that are inconsistent with the information in this Offering Circular. Therefore, you should not rely on any information or representations that are contrary to the information in this Offering Circular.