

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME FUND INC

Form N-30B-2

October 29, 2008

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME FUND

To the Shareholders of Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Fund:

Stating the obvious, we are facing extraordinary and unprecedented times in the financial markets. The events that ultimately culminated in the government's massive financial rescue plan have impacted the market for preferred securities particularly hard. As a result, for the quarter ended August 31, 2008, the Fund's common shareholders experienced a total return on net asset value of -14.2%, subsequent to the quarter-end and through the date of this letter, the net asset value has continued to decline significantly.

Prices on long-term US Treasury bonds rose during the quarter, as investors sought the safety of government bonds despite historically low yields. On the flip side, there were few buyers and abundant sellers of most preferred securities and corporate bonds. A downward cycle for prices ensued, as selling pressure pushed prices lower which in turn led to more selling pressure.

This pattern of selling begetting selling is an effect of severe bear market psychology. In addition, investors and lenders, seeking the safety and security of cash, withhold capital from borrowers. Since the free flow of capital is essential to our economy, and economic growth is a key factor in security valuation, concerns about price declines become self-fulfilling. The bears clearly were in control both during and subsequent to the quarter.

The root cause of the current financial problems remains unresolved-residential real estate markets have yet to stabilize. The speculative component of residential housing has resulted in "bubble and crash" cycles in the past, but the current adjustment is unlike any we can recall. Far too many people wanted to buy homes under the "greater fool" plan and lenders were far too willing to help. The real estate market will eventually return to equilibrium and the dramatic measures taken by the government will help calm the markets. In the meantime we must deal with circumstances at hand.

Since the end of our fiscal quarter events have transpired at a breathtaking pace - particularly relating to the Fund's use of leverage and its dividend. Our website allows for much more frequent communication than our quarterly letters. We have posted updates throughout this financial crisis and we encourage you to continue visiting us at www.preferredincome.com.

In addition to managing your Fund, we are also shareholders. We understand your concerns about recent events and we are doing our best to respond to them. Nonetheless, our goals remain constant - conduct exhaustive research and construct an investment portfolio that is designed to deliver high current income consistent with the objectives and guidelines of the Fund.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald F. Crumrine

/s/ Robert M. Ettinger

Donald F. Crumrine
Chairman of the Board

Robert M. Ettinger
President

October 16, 2008

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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW
 AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

FUND STATISTICS ON 8/31/08

Net Asset Value	\$	9.34
Market Price	\$	10.08
Premium		7.92%
Yield on Market Price		9.23%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		10,576,453

MOODY'S RATINGS	% OF PORTFOLIO
AA	4.9%
A	16.3%
BBB	51.3%
BB	20.5%
Below "BB"	0.1%
Not Rated	4.7%
Below Investment Grade	17.4%

* BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BY BOTH MOODY'S AND S&P.

(PIE CHART)

INDUSTRY CATEGORIES	% OF PORTFOLIO
Banking	31%
Utilities	29%
Insurance	16%
Financial Services	12%
Energy	6%
REITs	1%
Other	5%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER	% OF PORTFOLIO
Interstate Power & Light	5.8%
Merrill Lynch	4.2%
Liberty Mutual Group	4.2%
Banco Santander	3.7%
National City	3.3%
Sovereign Bancorp	3.3%
Midamerican Energy	2.9%
FBOP Corp	2.8%
SLM Corp	2.6%
Entergy Louisiana	2.6%

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	% OF PORTFOLIO**

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals	62%
Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD)	56%

** THIS DOES NOT REFLECT YEAR-END RESULTS OR ACTUAL TAX CATEGORIZATION OF FUND DISTRIBUTIONS. THESE PERCENTAGES CAN, AND DO, CHANGE, PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, DEPENDING ON MARKET CONDITIONS. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL SITUATION.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR		VAL
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- 95.7%		
BANKING -- 30.9%		
\$ 3,000,000	Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29, Series B	\$ 3,02
	Banco Santander:	
25,000	Adj. Rate Pfd.	35
269,500	6.50% Pfd.	5,39
42,900	6.80% Pfd.	91
\$ 2,500,000	Capital One Capital III, 7.686% 08/15/36	1,85
\$ 5,210,000	CBG Florida REIT Corporation, 7.114%, 144A****	1,62
	Citigroup, Inc.:	
55,000	8.125% Pfd., Series AA	1,08
135,000	8.50% Pfd., Series F	2,90
19,648	Citizens Funding Trust I, 7.50% Pfd. 09/15/66	24
50,000	Cobank, ACB, 7.00% Pfd., 144A****	1,64
\$ 4,400,000	Comerica Capital Trust II, 6.576% 02/20/37	2,50
9,000	FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****	4,95
\$ 2,250,000	First Hawaiian Capital I, 8.343% 07/01/27, Series B	2,17
1,750	First Tennessee Bank, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****	91
\$ 1,500,000	First Union Capital II, 7.95% 11/15/29	1,39
\$ 550,000	HBOS PLC, 6.657%, 144A****	34
4,400	HSBC Series II, Variable Inverse Pfd., Pvt.	
	HSBC USA, Inc.:	
96,250	6.50% Pfd., Series H	2,17
2,500	\$2.8575 Pfd.	9
\$ 3,200,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., 7.90%, Series I	2,91
40,000	Keycorp Capital IX, 6.75% Pfd. 12/15/66	60
274,200	National City Corporation, 9.875% Pfd.	5,39
31,500	PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd.	49
\$ 1,750,000	PNC Preferred Funding Trust III, 8.70%, 144A****	1,67

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\$ 1,500,000	Regions Financing Trust II, 6.625% 05/15/47	79
271,480	Sovereign Bancorp, 7.30% Pfd., Series C	4,35
30,600	Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75% Pfd. 05/22/36	55
1,000	Sovereign REIT, 12.00% Pfd., Series A, 144A****	95
	U.S. Bancorp, Auction Pass-Through Trust, Cl. B:	
11	Series 2006-5, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****	
11	Series 2006-6, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****	
75,000	Wachovia Corporation, 8.00% Pfd., Series J	1,39
\$ 1,000,000	Washington Mutual Preferred Funding IV, 9.75%, 144A****	44
\$ 1,600,000	Webster Capital Trust IV, 7.65% 06/15/37	1,03
\$ 1,000,000	Wells Fargo Capital XIII, 7.70%	95

		55,20

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR		VAL
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)		
	FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 12.2%	
291,500	CIT Group, Inc., 6.35% Pfd., Series A	\$ 4,09
25,000	Countrywide Capital IV, 6.75% Pfd.	37
50,300	Countrywide Capital V, 7.00% Pfd. 11/01/36	74
1,250	First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation, 10.50% Pfd., 144A****	1,32
22,500	First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation II, 8.75% Pfd., Series B, 144A****	51
	Goldman Sachs:	
20,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series C	32
125,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series D	1,94
20,200	Cabco Trust Capital I, Adj. Rate Pfd. 02/15/34	28
11	Pass-Through Certificates, Class B, 144A****	
2,500	STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.	
	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.:	
15,000	5.67% Pfd., Series D	41
19,500	5.94% Pfd., Series C	52
25,000	6.50% Pfd., Series F	37
27,500	7.95% Pfd.	42
	Merrill Lynch:	
108,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series 5	1,27
3,000	Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.	
200,000	6.25% Pfd.	3,56
48,700	6.70% Pfd.	91
	SLM Corporation:	
9,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series B	36
136,855	6.97% Pfd., Series A	4,33

		21,80

	INSURANCE -- 13.4%	

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\$ 1,000,000	AMBAC Financial Group, Inc., 6.15% 02/15/37	35
\$ 3,750,000	AON Capital Trust A, 8.205% 01/01/27	3,51
	Arch Capital Group Ltd.:	
10,000	7.875% Pfd., Series B	23
36,300	8.00% Pfd., Series A	83
35,900	Axis Capital Holdings, 7.50% Pfd., Series B	2,80
90,600	Delphi Financial Group, 7.376% Pfd. 05/15/37	1,58
\$ 3,000,000	Everest Re Holdings, 6.60% 05/15/37	1,98

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR		VAL
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)		
INSURANCE -- (CONTINUED)		
Liberty Mutual Group:		
\$ 4,500,000	7.80% 03/15/37, 144A****	\$ 3,35
\$ 500,000	10.75% 06/15/58, 144A****	45
\$ 500,000	MetLife Capital Trust X, 9.25% 04/08/38, 144A****	50
150,000	MetLife, Inc., 6.50% Pfd., Series B	3,15
\$ 2,000,000	PartnerRe Finance II, 6.44% 12/01/66	1,54
Renaissancere Holdings Ltd.:		
67,550	6.08% Pfd., Series C	1,18
66,400	6.60% Pfd., Series D	1,30
2,100	7.30% Pfd., Series B	4
119,500	Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd.	25
\$ 750,000	USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46, 144A****	80

		23,92

UTILITIES -- 29.2%		
Alabama Power Company:		
300	4.52% Pfd.	2
5,734	4.72% Pfd.	45
5,000	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, 6.70% Pfd., Series 1993 ...	49
115,000	Calenergy Capital Trust III, 6.50% Pfd. 09/01/27	5,15
900	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, 4.96% Pfd., Series E, Pvt.	7
5,560	Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 8.30% Sinking Fund Pfd., Pvt.	57
Connecticut Light & Power Company:		
34,300	5.28% Pfd., Series 1967	1,51
1,905	6.56% Pfd., Series 1968	9
2,100	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, 4.65% Pfd., Series C	17
30,000	Constellation Energy Group, Inc., 8.625% Pfd. 06/15/63, Series A	75
\$ 500,000	Dominion Resources, Inc., 7.50%	45
Duquesne Light Company:		
7,675	4.10% Pfd.	24
9,190	4.15% Pfd.	29

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910	4.20% Pfd.	2
5,490	\$2.10 Pfd., Series A	17
100,000	Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.45% Pfd.	2,47
46,000	Entergy Louisiana, Inc., 6.95% Pfd.	4,58
18,535	Florida Power Company, 4.75% Pfd.	1,53

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR		VAL

PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)		
UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)		
Georgia Power Company:		
13,100	6.125% Pfd.	\$ 32
5,500	6.50% Pfd., Series 07-A	54
2,010	Great Plains Energy, Inc., 4.50% Pfd.	16
50,000	Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., 5.25% Pfd., Series H, Pvt.	91
32,650	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% Pfd.	2,82
384,000	Interstate Power & Light Company, 8.375% Pfd., Series B	10,38
Pacific Enterprises:		
22,430	\$4.50 Pfd.	1,77
10,000	\$4.75 Pfd., Series 53	83
1,095	PacifiCorp, 5.40% Pfd.	10
\$ 500,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D	49
5,000	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, 6.75% Pfd.	51
\$ 2,975,000	Puget Sound Energy, Inc., 6.974% 06/01/67	2,49
23,713	San Diego Gas & Electric Company, \$1.70 Pfd.	58
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company:		
24,456	5.125% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.	1,25
6,703	6.00% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.	34
Southern California Edison:		
10,000	6.00% Pfd., Series C	91
15,000	6.125% Pfd.	1,40
Southern Union Company:		
\$ 1,000,000	7.20% 11/01/66	79
5,075	7.55% Pfd.	12
\$ 750,000	TXU Electric Capital V, 8.175% 01/30/37	60
Union Electric Company:		
14,150	4.56% Pfd.	1,10
18,800	\$7.64 Pfd.	1,83
12,500	Virginia Electric & Power Company, \$7.05 Pfd.	1,26
\$ 1,900,000	Wisconsin Energy Corporation, 6.25% 05/15/67	1,57

		52,28

ENERGY -- 6.1%		
\$ 4,500,000	Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 8.05% 10/01/37	4,01
\$ 2,600,000	Enterprise Products Partners, 7.034% 01/15/68	2,25
3,500	Kinder Morgan GP, Inc., 8.33% Pfd., 144A****	3,59
10,000	Lasmo America Limited, 8.15% Pfd., 144A****	1,01

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR		VAL

PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)		
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) -- 0.9%	
40,000	Duke Realty Corporation, 8.375% Pfd., Series O	\$ 94
30,000	PS Business Parks, Inc., 7.375% Pfd., Series O	60

		1,54
	MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 2.6%	
13,600	E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, \$4.50 Pfd., Series B ...	1,10
40,000	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25% Pfd., 144A****	3,61

		4,71
	U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY -- 0.4%	
74,000	Fannie Mae, Adj. Rate Pfd., Series P	71

		71
	TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES	
	(Cost \$215,332,688)	171,09

	CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- 2.1%	
	INSURANCE -- 2.1%	
\$ 4,729,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****	3,72

		3,72
	TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES	
	(Cost \$4,646,057)	3,72

	OPTION CONTRACTS -- 0.2%	
188	December Put Options on December U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 11/21/08	29

	TOTAL OPTION CONTRACTS	
	(Cost \$328,222)	29

	MONEY MARKET FUND -- 0.0%	
35,004	BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund	3

	TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND	
	(Cost \$35,004)	3

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR -----		VAL -----
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL -- 0.5%		
968,100 BlackRock Institutional Money Market Trust		\$ 96

TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL		
(Cost \$968,100)		96

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$221,310,071***)	98.5%	176,11
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Net)	1.5%	2,65

TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK	100.0%++	\$178,76

AUCTION PREFERRED STOCK (APS) REDEMPTION VALUE		(80,00

TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK		\$ 98,76
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* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.

** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.

*** Aggregate cost of securities held.

**** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been determined to be liquid under the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

(1) Foreign Issuer.

(2) All or a portion of the security is on loan.

+ Non-income producing.

++ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock.

ABBREVIATIONS:

PF. -- Preferred Securities

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PVT. -- Private Placement Securities

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 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK(1)
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2007 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

	VA -----
OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income	\$ 10,4
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period	(3,7
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments	(32,8
Distributions to APS* Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions	(3,5

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(29,5
DISTRIBUTIONS:	
Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders(2)	(7,5

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS	(7,5
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:	
Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ..	3

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK RESULTING FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	3

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE PERIOD	\$ (36,7
	=====
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:	
Beginning of period	\$135,5
Net decrease in net assets during the period	(36,7

End of period	\$ 98,7
	=====

 * Auction Preferred Stock.

(1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2008 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2007.

(2) May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.

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 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS(1)

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FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2007 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008 (UNAUDITED)
 FOR A COMMON STOCK SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:

Net asset value, beginning of period \$

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:

Net investment income
 Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments

DISTRIBUTIONS TO APS* SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income
 Total from investment operations

DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income
 Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders

Net asset value, end of period \$

Market value, end of period \$

Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period 10,5

RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

Net investment income+
 Operating expenses

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:++

Portfolio turnover rate
 Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's) .. \$ 1
 Ratio of operating expenses to total average net assets available to Common and
 Preferred Stock

(1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2008 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2007.

* Auction Preferred Stock.

** Annualized.

*** Not Annualized.

+ The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses and payments to APS Shareholders.

++ Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes APS.

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PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (UNAUDITED)

	TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID	NET ASSET VALUE	NYSE CLOSING PRICE	DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PRICE(1)
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December 31, 2007	\$0.0860	\$12.29	\$11.70	\$12.17
January 31, 2008	0.0860	12.93	12.82	12.92
February 29, 2008	0.0775	12.62	12.00	12.03
March 31, 2008	0.0775	11.03	10.18	10.44
April 30, 2008	0.0775	11.37	11.03	11.23
May 31, 2008	0.0775	11.15	11.73	11.15
June 30, 2008	0.0775	10.28	10.44	10.28
July 31, 2008	0.0775	9.38	10.19	9.68
August 31, 2008	0.0775	9.34	10.08	9.58

 (1) Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock is less than or equal to the market price per share on the reinvestment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of Common Stock will be purchased in the open market.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. AGGREGATE INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES

At August 31, 2008 the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$221,138,285, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$4,184,753 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$49,208,185.

2. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 157 "FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS" ("SFAS 157")

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS 157 effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. The Fund has adopted SFAS 157 as of December 1, 2007. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under SFAS 157 are described below:

- Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

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- Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of August 31, 2008 is as follows:

VALUATION INPUTS	INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES (MARKET VALUE)	OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/ DEPRECIATION) *
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Level 1 - Quoted Prices - Investments	\$ 45,331,729	\$--
Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs	129,815,024	--
Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	--	--
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TOTAL	\$175,146,753	\$--

* Other financial instruments are derivative instruments not reflected in the Schedule of Investments, such as futures, forwards and swaps which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the investment. As of August 31, 2008 the Fund does not have any other financial instruments.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

3. SECTION 19 NOTICES

Section 19 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 requires registered investment companies to include a notice with the payment of a dividend if a portion of that dividend may come from sources other than undistributed net income (other sources could include realized gains from the sale of securities and non-taxable return of capital). Copies of the Section 19 notices for the Fund are available on the website at www.preferredincome.com.

The amounts and sources of distributions reported below are only estimates and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. Form 1099-DIV will be sent to shareholders in January 2009 reporting the amount and tax characterization of distributions for the 2008 calendar year.

	SOURCE OF DISTRIBUTIONS AS OF 8/31/08			
	NET INVESTMENT INCOME	NET REALIZED CAPITAL GAINS	RETURN OF CAPITAL	TOTAL PER COMMON SHARE
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Calendar 2008 Distributions	\$0.5955	\$0.00	\$0.0330	\$0.6285
Percentage of Total Distributions ...	94.7%	0.0%	5.3%	--

4. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On September 7, 2008, Fannie Mae was placed into conservatorship. The value of preferred stock issued by this entity, which was held by the Fund, has been adversely impacted and is not reflected in this report. From August 31, 2008 to September 25, 2008, when the Fund sold its remaining position, the decrease in value totaled \$572,760.

On September 15, 2008, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy. On September 26, 2008, Washington Mutual Inc. filed for bankruptcy. As a result, the Fund may not be able to recover the principal invested in securities issued by these entities, and also does not expect to receive income payments on these securities going forward. The value of securities issued by these entities, which were held by the Fund, has been adversely impacted and may decline further. The decline since August 31, 2008 is not reflected in this report.

Subsequent to the reporting period, the market values of certain investments of the Fund have declined significantly and may decline further as a result of the ongoing financial crisis. The market value of the Fund's investments is reflected in the weekly net asset values reported by the Fund.

The Funds are subject to several different asset coverage requirements that arise from the use of leverage by the Fund. The decline in asset values has resulted in the Fund not meeting these asset coverage requirements at various points in time since the end of the fiscal quarter. According to these requirements, the Fund may not declare, set aside, or pay a common stock dividend unless the asset coverage requirements are met. The Fund has delayed the payment of the September common stock dividend as a result. To meet the requirements and pay the delayed dividend and future dividends, the Fund has been selling assets to raise cash, and has applied much of the proceeds to the reduction of

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leverage or invested in higher quality short-term securities in anticipation of future reductions in leverage. On October 14, 2008, the Fund announced the redemption of \$8.1 million of auction preferred stock to be redeemed on November 12, 2008. The Fund may be adversely impacted by the reduction in leverage. Updated information on the status of these requirements may be found on the Fund website at www.preferredincome.com.

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