

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is a financial asset, in the form of a donation made to a non-profit group, institution or individual. The gifts typically consist of cash, investments or other property. Endowments are designed to keep the principal amount intact while using the income from dividends and interest for church operations and charitable efforts.

Endowment gifts may be undesignated; to be used wherever they are most needed. As a donor, you also have the option to direct your gift with your heart specifying the area of ministry you most wish to support. For example: perhaps education is especially important to you. Specify that the income from your endowment contribution be used for new RE programs. In this way your gift can make a difference to the future of any area of church activities you chose.

Endowment funds are managed and maintained separately from the church's general fund. Under the direction and guidance of a specially elected group - the endowment committee - the investment is protected for future generations and the objectives of the donors are fulfilled.

PLANNED GIVING OPTICNS

Giving can be as simple as periodic direct contributions by check or cash
OR

By adding Prairie Unitarian Universalist Church as a beneficiary on financial instruments such as:

Life insurance
Stock plans
Annuities
401k's
Pensions
Wills

OTHER OPTIONS

- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Revocable Living Trusts
- Giving Real Estate
- Life Income Gifts

To discuss tax deductible options suitable to your situation, mail this document with details

Name: _____
Phone: _____

or send a request to
endowment@prairieuu.org

ENDOWMENTS & PLANNED GIVING



**Healthy trees need
a strong root
system.**

**Plan Today to
Leave a Legacy for
Tomorrow**

The time is right to make a gift that costs nothing today.

In today's economic environment, the charitable bequest stands apart as perhaps the single most compelling gift option available. The reason: a charitable bequest in your will costs you nothing today, and it can be an extremely versatile way to give.

Through planning and selection of charitable gifting, it can be possible to meet multiple personal financial goals. For example: making large financial contributions while minimizing or eliminating federal estate and gift taxes that you might otherwise owe. These goals can be accomplished while preserving, or even enhancing, your current financial well being.

Please contact a member of the Endowment Committee for more information.

*Endowment Gifts
are unique acts of love and faith.
They connect us to the legacy of
those who have come before us and
help us to leave our own legacy for
the future.*

HOW CAN WE LEAVE A LEGACY?

There are many ways that you can make a legacy gift or bequest to the church that has been a part of your life. Endowment gifts are often made as part of a will or estate plan. You might specify a percentage, a specific dollar amount, or the residual of your estate, as a gift to the church.

Or consider a deferred bequest where individual beneficiaries receive the income from an investment and the church receives the remainder after the beneficiaries have passed on.

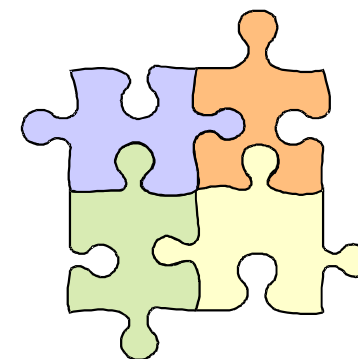
Other types of planned gifts are given during a person's lifetime. These may be designed to take advantage of allowable **income or estate tax incentives** and may be lump sums or occur as a regular donation. To make the gift that is right for you and your church, it is important to understand your choices.

Our endowment committee, with the help of professionals, can assist you in finding the right approach for your situation. We invite you to contact us for more information on the topics that have a specific interest to you.

LEGACIES CAN BE BRICKS AND MORTAR



LEGACIES CAN BE PROGRAMS AND IDEAS



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