



Investor Update

Getting A "Round TUIT"

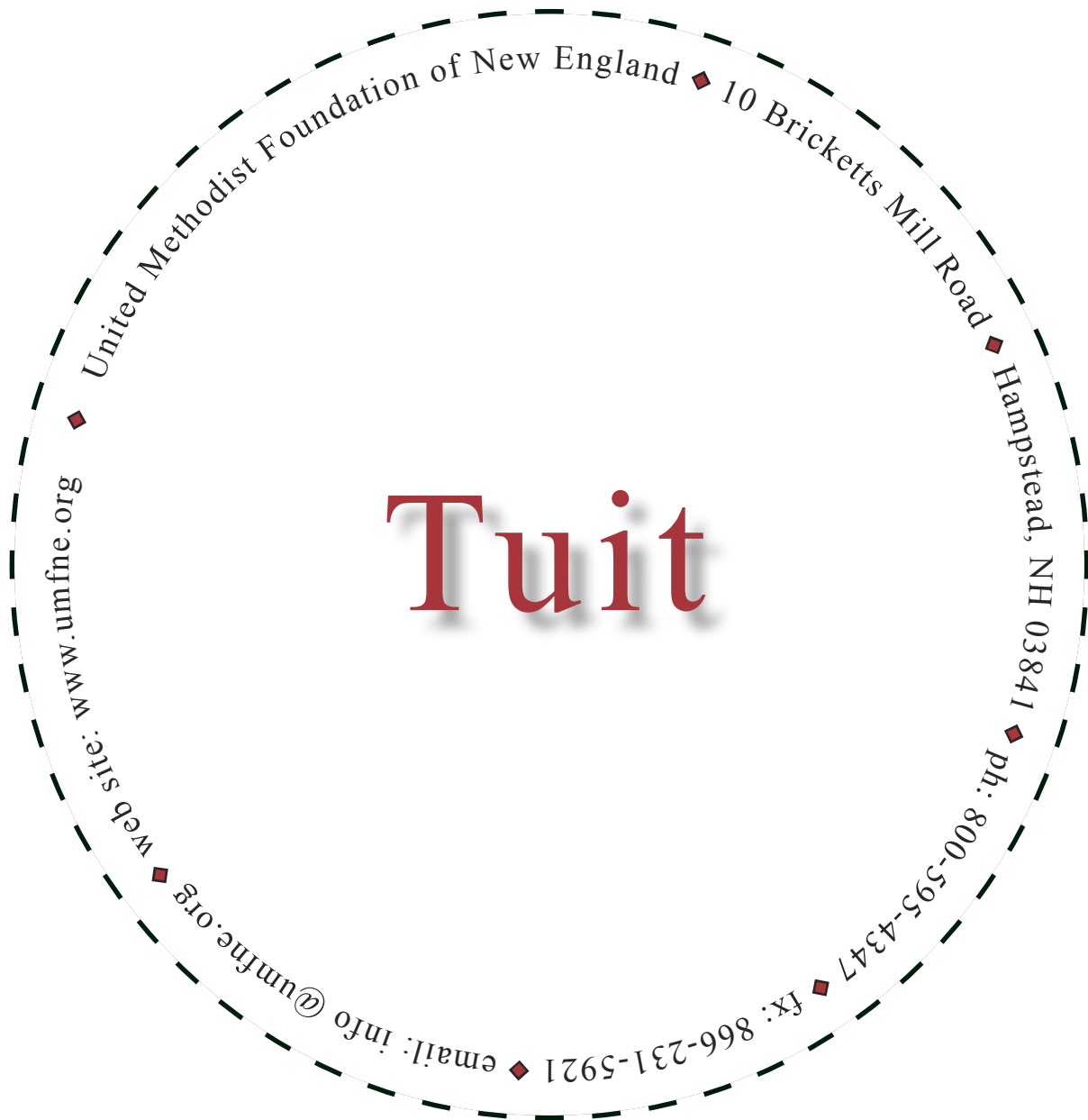
As 2005 begins, many people make resolutions; most have something to do with caloric intake and shedding a few pounds. Another common resolution is taking care of personal business such as updating our will or trust. It is interesting that studies show that most people (60%) **do not have a will**. In the context of Christian stewardship, or Christian "trusteeship", we are held to a higher standard because as Christians we acknowledge that all our resources come from God. In fact our possessions are not really ours, we are only the trustees empowered by God to take care of and manage God's property.

Part of the stewardship process is to name *successor trustees* in our estate plan, usually children and grandchildren, or sometimes financial institutions such as a bank. If there is a charitable component, the U.M. Foundation may serve as a trustee for all or part of the estate. Many other factors also need to be considered in the estate planning process, such as:

- Choosing a guardian for minor children
- How much is too much?
- What charitable organizations to support?
- How can I transfer moral values as well as property?
- Who will make decisions for me when I can no longer manage by myself?
- How do I want to die? (i.e. living will/healthcare proxy decisions)
- What are my funeral options?

These issues are complex and packed with emotion. Perhaps this is why so many people never get **around to it**. The Foundation provides the resources, including seminars, to help the members and friends of your church community fulfill their trustee responsibilities while providing a role model for future generations. As an added bonus, we are including a "**Round Tuit**" on the reverse side. This "round tuit" is the only known remedy for procrastination and fear of the unknown. Placing the "round tuit" on the refrigerator door will remind individuals and churches to take action **today** to plan for tomorrow.

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