United Methodist Foundation of the Northeast

Creating an Endowment

A GIFT THAT GIVES EVERY YEAR – IN PERPETUITY

An endowment is a gift whose principal is invested to grow over time, and from which only the earnings are spent each year. Churches use them. Families create them. And because the principal is never spent, an endowment can support the ministries you love long after your lifetime.

An endowment fund lets you create permanent annual support for your church or the United Methodist ministries that mean the most to you.

ANYONE CAN CREATE ONE

Endowments aren't just for institutions. Many individuals use an endowment as part of their estate plan to continue supporting their church beyond their lifetime.

HOW IT WORKS

A provision in your will can create an endowment with a set amount or percentage of your estate, directing annual earnings to the ministry you specify.

YOU CAN START NOW

You don't have to wait. You can establish an endowment during your lifetime and add to it over the years, watching it grow and give while you are here.

WE CAN MANAGE IT FOR YOU

The Foundation can administer your endowment to honor your wishes. We help document a simple memorandum so your charitable intent is clear year after year.

Ready to talk it through? We can help — make an appointment today.
Contact Pam DiMartino: **pamd@umfne.org**

What It Takes To Endow Your Annual Gift

A useful rule of thumb: an endowment funded at roughly 20 times your annual gift can replace that gift permanently. At a 5% annual distribution, a $50,000 endowment provides $2,500 to your church every year — and as the endowment grows over time, so does the annual distribution.

If your annual gift is:	You can endow it with:
$250	**$5,000**
$500	**$10,000**
$1,000	**$20,000**
$2,500	**$50,000**
$5,000	**$100,000**
$10,000	**$200,000**

ONE MEMBER'S PLAN TO ENDOW HIS CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

He loves his church, and has shown it through his service, his participation in its ministries, and his annual giving to the operating budget.

He also recognizes that after his lifetime, the church's budget will decrease by the amount of his yearly giving. He wants that annual gift to continue.

So he has left a bequest in his will, as an endowment, to be administered by the United Methodist Foundation of the Northeast for the benefit of his church.

He wanted his endowment to provide at least $2,500 a year, every year — so he specified $50,000 (20 × $2,500).

The earnings from his endowment will fund ministry at his church each year, just as his annual pledge did during his lifetime.

His named endowment fund will continue in perpetuity, providing funds to his church year after year.

"Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

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