



How Endowment Funds Help Your Church

Endowment funds are gifts that keep on giving, securing the financial future of the Church. An endowment is a gift that can be invested to support various needs in the church such as:

- missions
- scholarships
- building maintenance

How the United Methodist Foundation Can Help Your Church

The United Methodist Foundation can help your church start an endowment fund program and promote your existing fund through leadership development, vision-casting team meetings, and communication to your congregation.

We also offer professional investment management services to churches within our conference.

Five Ways Endowment Programs Help Churches Grow:

1. The church receives increased gifts to fund its various ministries
2. Members begin including planned gifts as well as current gifts in their stewardship response
3. Members are educated as to many expanded gift opportunities for mission and ministry through their church
4. Current contributions given in support of the on-going annual budget are freed up to strengthen and even expand existing programs
5. The church and its various ministries and institutions begin to receive major planned gifts that have previously been directed to other causes where endowments are already in place

An Endowment Fund Says That Your Church:

- Believes in its future
- Wishes to be guided in stewardship by the belief that all we have is from God
- Wants to build a sense of permanence
- Desires as a church family to be good stewards even as we expect each member to be a good steward
- Wishes to go the extra mile in providing new services and programs
- Wants to create a legacy for future generations

The AWF UM Foundation is here to help your church receive and manage these gifts to enhance the stewardship program of the church.