



UNITED METHODIST
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The Alabama - West Florida United Methodist Foundation (ALWFUMF)

Our mission is to encourage generosity as a way of life, foster planned giving, develop successful planned giving programs, and manage funds in order to strengthen the work of Christ's church. Our AWF Development Fund also supports church growth by providing loan services for building, renovating, or purchasing property.

Our purpose is to help individuals and the church by encouraging generosity through education, consulting, development, and financial services.

Services

AWF Development Fund Services:

- Loans (4.0% rate)
- Deposit Accounts for individuals and churches (1.5% rate)

Foundation Services:

- Generosity Development/Workshops
- Consulting
- Fund Administration
- Investment Services
- Church Planned Giving Programs
- Digital and Printable Resources
- Marketing Resources
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Monthly Eblasts

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Generosity Matters

"Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." Luke 6:38 (MSG)

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A Culture of Generosity



Fred & Emily Lacy's Sunday School Class

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Luke 6:38 (NLT)

New tax laws may limit some charitable donations, but these new rules are not completely changing how people are viewing generosity. People are still feeling compelled to give back and make a difference in their churches, charities, schools, and other organizations. These resources are being used to make communities around the world and in the AWF Conference a better place for the next generation.

According to *Giving USA 2018: The Annual Report of Philanthropy for the Year 2017*, charitable giving reached a new milestone by breaking the \$400 billion mark with over \$410 billion in charitable gifts in 2017. Of this total, giving from individuals comprised 70%, bequests were an estimated \$35 billion, and gifts to reli-

gious organizations made up about \$127 billion.

Aggie Sweeney, CFRE, chair of Giving USA commented "Americans' record breaking charitable giving in 2017 demonstrates that even in diverse times our commitment to philanthropy is solid. As people have more resources available, they are choosing to use them to make a difference, pushing them to give over \$400 billion."

The Giving USA report shows generosity from all over the United States, but how are lives being changed and affected by this charitable giving in the AWF Conference?

Jerry and Patsy Parker, members at Auburn UMC, are using the accumulated resources that God has blessed them with to be a blessing to others. In recent years they set up a trust that will provide scholarships to lay and ministerial students as well as those who are entering into Christian education.

When asked why they set up the trust, one of their top answers was "We established this Trust to leave whatever wealth we have accumulated on this earth to the advancement of Christian education."

It is with this mindset that the Parkers felt led to set up this trust (Fred and Emily Lacy Christian Education Scholarship Trust) in honor of Fred and Emily Lacy. The Parkers "simply wanted to honor the

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Tax-Smart Strategies

MAKING YOUR DONATIONS AND GIFTS WORK FOR YOU



STOCKS AND BONDS

- Receive a charitable income tax deduction
- Avoid capital gains taxes
- Further the mission of your favorite United Methodist church or ministry



OUTRIGHT GIFT

- Avoid capital gains taxes
- Receive an income tax deduction
- Donate cash, securities, or personal property



CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER

- Avoid federal income taxes
- Reach the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year
- Donate a larger amount to a church or charity

*Specific tax benefits from these strategies depends on your personal tax situation and how you report your gift. Talk with your financial advisor or call the Foundation office for more information about these gifts.

Donations of Stocks and Bonds



Donating stocks and bonds (often known as appreciated securities) to your church or United Methodist ministry is easy to do and can provide attractive tax benefits. Whether you plan to itemize your charitable contributions, because they exceed the standard deduction, or simply use the standard deduction, the **Foundation** is perfectly positioned to assist with the transfer and gifting of appreciated security donations to your church.

Benefits of Giving Stocks and Bonds

- Avoid capital gains taxes on the sale of appreciated securities
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction for the current market value of the appreciated securities if your total charitable contributions exceed the standard deduction
- Further the mission of your favorite United Methodist church or ministry

How to Make a Gift of Stocks and Bonds

As one of our free services, the Foundation can assist with gifts of stocks and bonds. Once your broker is notified of the transfer, you will need to fill out the securities transfer form. The **Foundation** will then accept the securities, sell them (with a discounted brokers commission), and make the donation to your church or ministry on your behalf.

Steps for the Electronic Transfer of Stocks and Bonds

- Notify your broker of the stocks and bonds transfer and have them contact the **Foundation** office
- Fill out and submit the Securities Transfer Form (www.alwfmf.org/donations-of-stocks-and-bonds)
- Notify your church or ministry about the gift
- Receive a gift receipt for your charitable donation for tax purposes (based on the average stock valuation on the date the stock is received)

If you would like to make a gift of stocks or bonds (appreciated securities) to your church, please fill out our securities transfer form. If you have any questions about these or other gift types, please feel free to contact the Foundation office at 334-793-6820 or email us at foundation@alwfmf.org.

Alabama - West Florida United Methodist Foundation Ministries

CHURCH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMS

Planned Giving programs help encourage and facilitate planned gifts and endowments to the church. We offer a step-by-step guide designed to encourage and support future financial needs of the church.

INVESTMENT SERVICES

Our investment services are uniquely created for managing church and agency funds. The Foundation staff assists in developing a custom investment plan for each participating organization or donor.

GENEROSITY DEVELOPMENT/WORKSHOPS

We offer generosity development through educational programs that foster a better understanding of giving and stewardship as both an act of worship and discipleship.

FUND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

We provide trust fund accounting, regular disbursements, and all other fiduciary administration services. This information is reported to you on easy to read statements.

Charitable IRA Rollover Gifts



"Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can." – John Wesley

Planning your estate requires thoughtful consideration of your beneficiaries, knowledge of your options, and an understanding of taxation. If you plan on giving to both your family and charity, knowing what gifts will make the biggest impact for each recipient can be a great asset.

Good gifts to consider for family and children are stocks, homes, land, and other property. Careful planning for these gifts can help minimize state and federal taxes to you and your beneficiaries.

An IRA gift through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a good gift to consider for your church or a charity. This type of gift helps you avoid federal income taxes, helps you reach the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year, and ultimately en-

ables a larger donation to a church or charity.

Requirements for IRA Gifts

Requirements for a Qualified Charitable Distribution:

- The IRA account owner must be at least 70½ years of age
- Rollover funds must come from an IRA
- Rollover funds are limited to \$100,000 per year
- The transfer of funds must be completed on, or before, December 31
- Rollover funds must be given to a qualifying 501(c)(3) charity (IRA funds cannot be used to fund: donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, private foundations, charitable remainder trusts, lead trusts, pooled income, charitable gift annuities, and tax-deductible gifts)

Ways to give through an IRA

Qualified Charitable Distribution

Once an IRA owner reaches the age of 70½, they are required to withdraw a certain amount per year to reach the RMD. Unless given to a charity, the IRA balance, whether withdrawn or saved with the intent to give to a beneficiary, is subject to federal income taxes. Many individuals use this as an opportunity to give to charities. A QCD gift to a church or charity both helps to reach the RMD and avoids federal income taxes.

If you are interested in more information on this type of gift, or other ways you can give, please call the **Foundation** at 334-793-6820 or email us at foundation@alwfumf.org. You can also find more ways to give at www.alwfumf.org/ways-to-give.

Alabama - West Florida United Methodist Development Fund Ministries

4.0%

DEVELOPMENT
FUND CURRENT
LOAN RATE



1.5%

DEVELOPMENT
FUND CURRENT
DEPOSIT RATE



DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN RATES

The Development Fund makes loans up to \$1 million to churches and agencies in our conference for new church construction, purchasing property, and major renovation projects.

The Development Fund has fueled the growth, expansion, and renovation needs of the AWF Conference for over 30 years, loaning more than \$18.5 million to churches and agencies. Because of the generosity of other United Methodists who invest, we can continue to grow and serve our community in increasingly helpful and comprehensive ways.

INVEST IN THE DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Development Fund accepts investments from individuals, churches, and organizations across the AWF Conference. The Fund pays these investors a rate of interest set each quarter and makes loans to churches, agencies, and missions in the conference.

Interest is paid quarterly and is earned from the day of the deposit to the day of the withdrawal. You may withdraw all or part of your investment with a written/signed request. There is no penalty, fee, or loss of interest when withdrawing funds. You can also choose to have your interest reinvested each year.

*Investments are not FDIC insured. Investments are secured by the assets of the Fund and the first mortgages of the churches. No investor in the fund has ever lost any part of their investment or interest earned.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR DEVELOPMENT FUND, PLEASE CONTACT US!

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Lacys and their contributions not only as educators, but as Christian educators. They have truly been an inspiration not only to us both, but to countless others over the course of their lives."

Both couples are part of the same Sunday school class where Fred Lacy has taught for over 20 years. The Parkers remarked that he is always reliable, prepared, and they can't wait to hear the lessons "each and every week to teach us the Bible as only he (Fred) can do."

The Parkers do not have any children of their own so the Lacy Trust became an avenue for them to give back to those who have accepted the call into Christian ministry but may not have the needed funds and resources. This trust is the Parkers' legacy of generosity and these scholarship funds will help countless lay and ministerial students fulfill the calling God has laid on their lives.

It is a blessing for us at the **Foundation** to hear and be a part of such heart-warming stories of generous cultures. If you would like more information about setting



Patsy and Jerry Parker



Fred and Emily Lacy

up a scholarship endowment, or an endowment to benefit another ministry at your church please visit us at www.alwfumf.org/churches/endowment-fund, contact the **Foundation** office at foundation@alwfumf.org, or call 334-793-6820.

Credit: Giving USA 2018: Americans Gave \$410.02 Billion to Charity in 2017, Crossing the \$400 Billion Mark for the First Time
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