

Why have an endowment fund?

Endowment funds...

- enhance ministry/outreach.
- help care for our facilities.
- encourage us to be better stewards.
- provide a vehicle for giving.

Endowment funds provide donors an opportunity to...

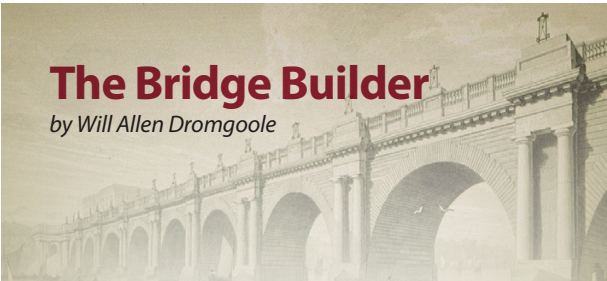
- make a permanent gift from lifetime assets.
- provide support for a favorite ministry.
- leave a legacy that will be remembered over time.

Endowment funds say, *We believe...*

- in the future of PUMC.
- that what we have is a trust from God.
- in continuing our heritage for future generations.
- in being good stewards as a church.
- we need to continue our ministries.

The Bridge Builder

by Will Allen Dromgoole



An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide-
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

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general endowment fund

helping the church fulfill our mission

*"Equipping people for a growing
relationship with Jesus Christ to serve all."*

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations.”
Psalm 119:90

Source of endowment funds

All gifts are welcome, large, small and in between. Following are some examples of gifts that can ensure the perpetuity of Plainfield United Methodist Church...

- Wills (Bequests)
- Stocks/Bonds
- Trusts
- Life Insurance
- Real Estate/Property
- Cash

Who manages the fund?

The endowment fund is managed by the endowment committee.

All decisions made by the endowment committee are approved through the administrative council.

In some cases, endowment committee decisions are brought to an all church meeting.

Are my gifts tax deductible?

Yes, gifts to the general endowment fund are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Bequests, life income gifts and other donations of value are generally exempt from federal estate and gift taxes.

This brochure is for general information purposes only. For tax advice you should consult your attorney, accountant or other planning professional. The members of the endowment committee will be available to assist your advisors.



About Plainfield UMC

Like those who came before us, we are called to prepare for future generations while also supporting today's ministries. The distinction of the General Endowment Fund is that it goes on giving year after year. Your gifts will produce benefits far in excess of the original gifts.

Ministries that can be supported through the General Endowment Fund include, but are not limited to:

- Children and Family Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Music Ministry
- Mission & Outreach
- Building Preservation

This is your chance to envision your legacy. How do you want to be remembered? What are your values? What aspects of your faith are most important? From where do your blessings come? Asking these questions will guide you to the appropriate place and mission for your legacy giving.

“Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God’s various gifts of grace.”
1 Peter 4:10

How can I get more information about the General Endowment Fund?

Please complete this form, and mail to:



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Check all that apply

- I would like more information about the Plainfield United Methodist Church General Endowment Fund
- I have already named Plainfield United Methodist Church General Endowment Fun in my will.
- Please send me additional information on ways of giving through:
 - Will or Trust
 - Retirement Plan
 - Life Insurance
 - Securities
 - Annuities
 - Real Estate

