



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHERE WILL THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS BE KEPT?

Endowment Funds will be initially managed by the Administration Committee and held in a separate investment account from the rest of the church's assets. When the Endowment Fund reaches a total value of \$500,000 a separate committee (reporting to Admin/Session) will be created expressly for the purpose of overseeing the endowment.

## HOW WILL WITHDRAWALS FROM THE FUNDS BE PROCESSED?

At the discretion of Session, CCPC can annually withdraw up to a maximum of 5% of the net value of the endowment fund as of December 31. This is a maximum withdrawal; Session may at times choose to withdraw less than 5% and reinvest the remainder.

## WILL I BE ABLE TO DESIGNATE WHERE I WANT MY DONATIONS BE SPENT?

Absolutely. While most people opt to give to the undesignated portion of the Endowment, we also accept gifts to the Endowment into these five categories; Building, Christian Education, Mission, Music, or Annual Operating. Of course, all gifts will be used according to their designation and in compliance with our Endowment Policy.

## SHOULD MY DONATION TO THE ENDOWMENT BE MADE IN ADDITION TO MY NORMAL OFFERING TO THE CHURCH?

Yes! Your normal giving supports annual budgetary needs, while the Endowment is a more permanent vehicle to expand the ministry of the Church over the course of many years. We will not ask for an annual endowment pledge or gift, though of course you can choose to give that way if you wish, as most endowment gifts will come through planned and memorial giving.

## WILL THE ENDOWMENT ACCEPT GIFTS OUTSIDE OF BEQUESTS OR WILLS?

Absolutely. It is always possible to make a gift of any size to the CCPC Endowment fund. Additional gifts to the fund can be accepted at any time from you or those wishing to support your chosen mission or ministry – allowing family and friends to contribute as well.

## WHAT ARE THE FIXED COSTS OF THE ENDOWMENT?

Once the assets grow to \$500,000, an “outsourced chief investment officer model” will be considered thru a local Trust Company or the Presbyterian Foundation, which manages over a billion dollars in assets. Fees are usually 1% annually for funds under \$1 million and are lower as the balance becomes larger.

## WILL THE CONGREGATION RECEIVE ROUTINE REPORTS?

Certainly. Reports will be given at least quarterly to the Administration Committee and at least annually to the congregation.

## WILL OTHERS KNOW THAT I HAVE DONATED AND HOW MUCH?

The fact that you have donated will be shared only with your permission. We will not publish amounts of gifts; dollar amounts will remain strictly confidential.

We do have plans to honor our donors with some optional recognition grouping. For example, as we begin the Endowment, we will honor all donors who give or plan to give in excess of \$500 with the status of “Founders.” This will be both for those who include CCPC in their estate planning, and those who make donations directly by cash, check, etc. Once we have been informed of your planned gift or actual gift, we will contact you directly to determine your recognition wishes.

## IS THERE A MINIMUM AMOUNT I MUST DONATE?

Absolutely not. There is no minimum donation, and all your donations are credited to your legacy account for the purpose of optional recognition grouping as described above.



### AM I LIMITED TO ONE DONATION?

Not at all. You may contribute to the endowment fund as many times as the Spirit moves your heart to do so.

### CAN I DONATE ANONYMOUSLY?

Yes, making your donation as an anonymous gift is always an option. Again, the church will contact you to determine your preferences in this regard.

### CAN I DONATE AND PUT IT IN ANOTHER PERSON'S NAME?

Yes, this a wonderful option. In fact, many people do so in memory of cherished friends and loved ones. Donations will ordinarily be credited to donor unless otherwise requested.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS IF CCPC CEASES TO EXIST?

Of course, we hope this will never be a concern! However, if decades from now our circumstances as a congregation changed, our Endowment funds would simply transfer with the rest of the church's assets and property. If, for example, we merged with another congregation or changed our name, the Endowment funds would become part of that new congregation. If real tragedy struck and the church closed its doors, the endowment funds would transfer to the same destination as the rest of the church's property and cash. If you make a donation to CCPC through a will (or other estate planning document) after the church has completely dissolved, that donation would lapse and your funds will be distributed in accordance with the "residue" of your estate to whoever you name as your default beneficiary.

### ONCE I DONATE TO THE ENDOWMENT, CAN I CHANGE TO TERMS OF THE GIFT?

FOR EXAMPLE, CAN I MOVE MY GIFT FROM "UNDESIGNATED" TO "BUILDING" OR "CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"?

Yes, a request can be made to Session to change the terms of an individual gift. However, as you can imagine, these types of changes would be a challenge to manage and direct. Therefore, once a gift is made to the endowment, final control of those funds will be under the direction of the endowment policy and church leadership.

### WHAT IF I DESIGNATE THE CHURCH IN MY WILL BUT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN MY ESTATE TO HONOR THE GIFT WHEN I DIE?

Great question! To answer, we need to distinguish between two types of gifts that can be made under a Will (or Trust); a specific bequest and a residuary gift. A specific bequest is akin to a dollar figure, something like, "I wish for \$100,000 to go to my church." A residuary gift is akin to a percentage, something like, "Of what I have when I die, I wish for my church to get 20%". Gifts made in this residuary fashion get reduced or increased based on what is left in the estate. Gifts made as specific bequests get paid before the residuary gifts are made. In other words, if you only have \$100,000 total when you die, the church takes the first \$100,000 in the example above.

If you make multiple specific bequests and there is not enough money to make all of the gifts, they will be made pro-rata based on what is left in the estate.

If your debts or other expenses leave you with no assets, the gifts specified in your Will will not be paid.

As a side note, in-kind distributions (such as naming the Church as a beneficiary of life insurance policy) will be paid out to the Church without being paid to the Estate, and thereby avoid some of the expenses associated with the estate administration. The Church also does not pay income taxes, so making in-kind gifts in this fashion or appreciated assets will save taxes as well.

### CAN A GIFT IN MY WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEING MET BY THE CHURCH (I.E. INSTALL A CANOPIED DRIVE UP BY \_\_\_ DATE)?

Absolutely. That being said, please keep in mind the administrative burden that your specific requirements might place on the Church. Also, often people write their will years and years before they pass, and circumstances and situations over time. Highly specific requirements run the risk of making your gift impossible by technicality.

### WHAT IS A "FOUNDER" AND HOW DO I BECOME ONE?

As part of our endowment launch, we are asking for families who might "seed" this new ministry. For a minimum Endowment gift of \$500 (no maximum), you will be officially recognized as a Founder and will receive additional communications about the status of our Endowment and any disbursements from the fund towards church ministries. This gift can come to the church either in the form of a check/cash payment, or by sharing that the church has been included in your planned giving.