Legacy Giving

Endowment Gifts

An endowment is an enduring gift of capital that will provide income to any area of the church's work in perpetuity. The United Church of Canada Foundation invests your endowed gift in a prudent and socially responsible manner.

Each year, 3.5 percent is granted. Whenever the income level permits, a portion is reinvested in the fund. You can designate the income toward any area of the church's ministry you wish to support or any other registered Canadian charity.

You can establish a personal endowment fund during your lifetime with a gift of cash or publicly listed securities. An endowment can be created for as little as \$15,000 and take up to five years to reach the threshold amount. You can also arrange for it to be activated through a bequest in your will, RRSP, RRIF, or other type of legacy gift at your death. Some donors choose to start their fund now, add to it from time to time, and augment it with a future legacy gift. You can name your endowment after anyone you wish—yourself or a family member, or in memory of a loved one.

The United Church also has a number of established endowed funds to which you can direct your gift of any amount—for example, the Mission and Service Endowment Fund, the United Church Women Endowment Fund, and funds in support of peace, justice, faith, mission, theological education, and leadership. If you wish to support an existing endowment fund, gifts of \$5,000 or more will be cited, with your permission, for recognition purposes. Church staff are pleased to explore the many options available to you.

Benefits of an Endowment Gift

- An endowed gift is an act of faith in the church's mission and future.
- Grants support the ministries you value.
- The church invests your gift securely in its pooled investment fund managed by Fiera Capital Corp.
- All gifts are invested with the church's social responsibility policies in mind.
- You or your estate receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount you contribute.

For More Information

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