

Why have an endowment fund?

Endowment funds can:

- Enhance ministry/outreach.
- Help care for facilities.
- Encourage us to be better stewards.
- Help our church avoid conflicts over money.
- Provide a vehicle for giving.
- Pass your faith values to the next generation.

Endowment funds provide donors an opportunity to:

- Make a permanent gift from lifetime assets.
- Provide on-going support for a favorite ministry.
- Leave a legacy that will be remembered over time.

Endowment funds say: We believe...

- in the future of *our church*
- that what we have is a *trust from God*
- in building a *sense of permanence* in what we do
- in being *good stewards* as a church family
- in *providing ministries* that were once only dreams
- in *passing our faith values* to future generations
- in providing another *opportunity* for people to give

The UMC mission “. . . is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

FUMC Los Alamos fulfills that mission by:

Connecting disciples with Jesus Christ
Growing disciples to maturity in Jesus Christ
Caring for disciples in Christian community
Sending disciples into mission & ministry

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

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First United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund

What makes this gift different from other forms of church giving?

Our endowment fund is a permanent fund and only its earnings will be spent. When funds are available and distributed, they will support projects above and beyond normal budgeted items.

Are permanent endowment fund gifts tax deductible?

Yes. Your gifts to the First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes. Bequests, life income gifts and other donations of value are generally exempt from Federal Estate and Gift taxes.

Who administers the fund?

First United Methodist of Los Alamos Permanent Endowment Fund Committee makes recommendations to the Church Council on how the fund's earnings will be distributed and used. In some cases, special gifts are made and designated for a specific need by the donor, such as capital improvement of the church building or mission outreach. The church will honor these request to the extent possible.

What kinds of gifts can be made to our endowment fund?

There are many types of gifts that could benefit our permanent endowment fund. A few of them are:

- **Planned Gifts**
- **Other Bequests**
- **Cash**
- **Stocks & Bonds**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Real Estate**
- **Personal Property**

Is my gift too small?

Because gifts have a cumulative effect, even the smallest gift is significant. Every gift contributes to the overall growth of the principal amount, which compounds the return on investments.



What is a planned gift?

A planned gift to the church is a financial gift structured to serve the needs of the church as well as the giver, such as:

- Gifts through **wills**, also known as **bequests**.
- **Charitable gift annuities**, which provide payments for life, tax benefits and ultimately benefit our permanent endowment fund.
- **Charitable remainder** and **charitable lead trusts** to support our permanent endowment fund.

Can I designate how my gift will be used?

The Permanent Endowment Fund will include the following funds:

- **Undesignated Fund**
- **Mission/Outreach**
- **Music & Worship**
- **Children & Youth Ministry**
- **Scholarship**
- **Building & Property**

*More details available on website.
Type "Endowment" in search bar
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