

Introduction

The Endowment Fund provides members with the opportunity to leave a legacy for God's plan for Prince of Peace in the future. Randy Alcorn's book *The Treasure Principle* reminds us that "You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead." Christian gift planning provides for the Lord's work as well as for loved ones.

Why an Endowment Fund?

- It is an integral part of our total stewardship plan.
- It expands Christ's ministry beyond the operating budget.
- It provides a way to leave a legacy and continue supporting the Lord's work.
- It adds perpetuity to our gifts.
- It is built on the congregation's vision for tomorrow.
- It receives and manages major gifts, including memorials, for the benefit of the congregation.
- It enables us to say "thank you, Lord, for all of your support and guidance—and for eternal life."

The Fund

Both the principal and income from unrestricted gifts and bequests to the fund are to be used for projects and programs approved by the voting members of the congregation.

Recommendations will be consistent with the general purpose for which the fund has been established such as Education, Expansion, Mission Outreach, Catastrophic Assistance, and Pastoral Housing.

Monies gifted to the Fund will be invested prudently for growth while awaiting distribution for approved missions and ministries.

Personal Gift Plans

Most funds received are generally the result of estate planning and gifting (wills or trusts). There are many options available for gifting through bequests, annuities, trusts, and more. Your personal financial advisor should be consulted to ensure proper treatment for your individual and family needs.

Personal gift plans to the fund could include cash, bequests, stock and mutual funds, and property (e.g. homes, vehicles, antiques, businesses, farms). For designated gifts, please refer to the Designated Gifts Policy.

References

The Endowment Fund reference manual is available at the church office. This manual provides information regarding bequests, gifting options, Christian preambles for wills, and the Endowment Fund Summary Plan.

LCMS Foundation

Generosity is one of the fundamental principles of the Christian life described in the Bible (1 Timothy 6:17-19). God's generosity to mankind inspires his people to joyously respond to his gracious gifts. That's where the LCMS Foundation helps us accomplish our vision to transform the world around us as we reach, grow, and serve people with Life in Jesus.

Since 1958, our church body's Foundation has been partnering with congregations and 'Linking Christians with Giving Opportunities.' The Foundation works with Prince of Peace to provide custodial services for our endowment along with comprehensive expertise and services, including gift planning counselors to guide and assist our members privately, and without charge, in innovative financial solutions that provide for their families and support the mission of our church.

Feel free to directly contact the LCMS Foundation gift planning counselor for Prince of Peace, Philip Meinzen, at 1-262-334-5171 or call the LCMS foundation at 1-800-325-7912 X1695.

Through our relationship with the LCMS Foundation, our congregation can help God's people discover the joy of giving and 'excel in the grace of giving' for today, tomorrow and forever.



Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)



Questions regarding the fund?

Call the church office for the most current listing of Endowment fund committee members and their contact information.

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Prince of Peace Endowment Fund



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