

Endowment gifts are unique acts of love and faith. They connect us to the legacy of those who have come before us, and help us to leave our own legacy for the future.



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. . . .”

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

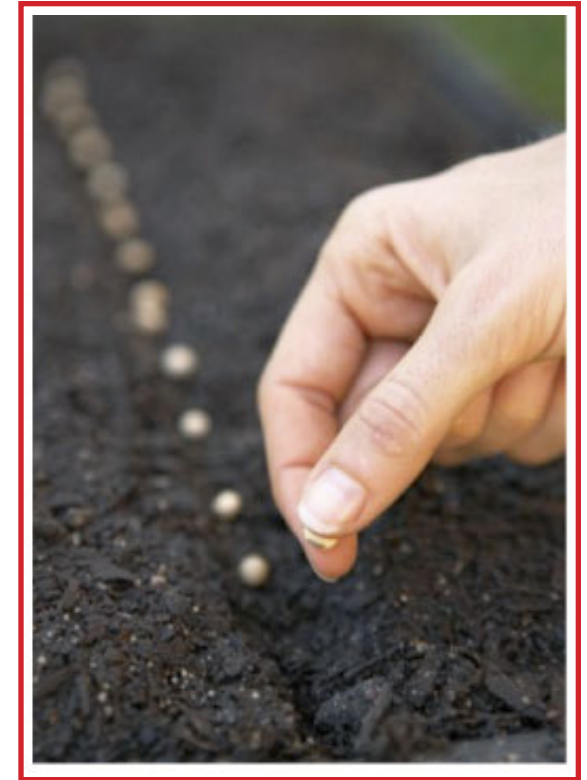


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Look Forward in Faith

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen.”

(Hebrews 11:1)

As good stewards of all God’s gifts, we respond to God’s grace through our actions, using our gifts to reach out and touch the lives of others.

God also calls us to respond with actions which look to the future. We look forward in



faith in many ways, even when we don’t realize it. We plant and cultivate tiny seeds so that others may enjoy the shade of tall trees. We instill values in our children and pass our convictions along to generations we will never know.

Similarly, endowment gifts are like seeds we plant in a field of dreams for our church. We cultivate a future of love and faith, enabling current ministries to grow and new ministries to blossom.

What is an Endowment?

Endowment gifts are planned gifts from our hearts to the mission and ministries of our church. They have enduring impact because endowment funds are permanent; they will be available long into the future of the church. Only the total return from such funds will be used each year.

Endowment gifts may be undesignated, to be used wherever they are most needed. As a donor you also have the ability to direct your gift with your heart, specifying the area of ministry you most wish to support.

Perhaps music has been especially important to you, or you want to ensure the development of new children’s programs. Your gift can make a difference to the future of any ministry you choose.

Sowing Seeds of Love and Faith

There are many ways that you can make a legacy gift to the church you love. Endowment gifts are often made as part of a will or estate plan. You might specify a percentage, specific dollar amount, or the residue of your estate as a gift to the church.

Other types of planned gifts are given during a person’s lifetime. These may be designed to take advantage of allowable income and estate tax incentives, as well as to provide income for you or a loved one.

To make the gift that is right for you and your church, it is important to understand your choices. We invite you to contact us for a brochure on topics of specific interest to you.

