

Just as Christ expects us to be good Stewards through annual giving, we also have the opportunity to support His work by giving the Church a portion of the resources we have accumulated throughout our lives. The Endowment for Immanuel was established to receive and administer these gifts.

A gift to The Endowment for Immanuel is another way to acknowledge our relationship with Christ in life and our desire to share that faith with others. It is a way of having the faithful financial support we provide during our lives continue into the future. Our contributions make new dreams possible for Immanuel and the community it serves for Christ.

Gifts may be made to The Endowment for Immanuel through our wills or during our lifetimes. Both types of gifts provide a perpetual source of income to support special needs and activities of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Gifts to the Endowment for Immanuel provide exciting opportunities to expand our congregation's mission and impact.

It is not necessary to have a large estate to participate in long-range giving for Christ's work through Immanuel. Even small gifts have an important and lasting impact.

Although gifts to The Endowment for Immanuel are usually unrestricted, they may be designated for a particular purpose. All gifts will be invested and the returns thereon will be used for special needs and programs. Gifts are not intended for general operating expenses, which are supported by annual stewardship gifts.

There are a number of ways The Endowment for Immanuel may be the beneficiary of gifts during our lifetimes or through provisions in our wills: a percentage of our estates; a fixed sum of money; a life insurance policy; marketable securities; a designated property; or the

residue of our estates. Gifts and bequests can be restricted for a particular purpose or program, or, if undesignated, the income will be used for the greatest needs as determined by the Session.

Contributions to The Endowment for Immanuel give each of us the opportunity to leave a legacy for our Church to do Christ's work in the world.



Examples of Gifts to The Endowment for Immanuel

John Smith amends his will to provide that The Endowment for Immanuel will receive a fixed amount of money at the time of his death.

Mary Brown, aged 70, has a paid-up life insurance policy that is no longer needed to provide protection to family members in the event of her death. She makes an irrevocable gift of the policy to The Endowment for Immanuel, which becomes the sole beneficiary of the policy. Mary receives a tax deduction for the year of the gift, equal to the lesser of the cash value of the policy or the total premiums paid through the years on the policy.

Your Gifts Can Reduce Your Taxes and/or Provide Income

Life income plans allow individuals to give cash, securities, or other assets and receive income during their own lives, with the remainder going to the church after their deaths. In this way your legacy of stewardship can continue well past your lifetime.

A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY is the easiest life income plan because it is a simple contract between the donor and the church. The fixed payments are based on the age of the donor and can include another recipient.

A DEFERRED CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY can be an important tool for retirement planning because the assets are invested for growth and the payments are deferred until a later time, like retirement, when income is most needed.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS provide income to the grantors and other beneficiaries, and the church becomes the final beneficiary.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS are the opposite. They provide income to the church for a specified period and the trust assets then revert back to the donor, his estate, or other designated recipients. Charitable trusts require the services of an attorney and other professionals.

Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Please contact the pastor or any member of the Planned Giving Committee if you want to discuss a bequest or planned gift to The Endowment for Immanuel. Materials and professionals are available to help you with your planning. If you do not have a will, it is recommended that you have one.

DO I NEED TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH OF MY PLANS?

Christian stewardship is a private matter of faith between God and you. There is no need to notify the church or seek permission, but informing the church of an intended gift is helpful to long-range planning. Requests for anonymity will be honored.

IF I REMEMBER THE ENDOWMENT FOR IMMANUEL IN MY WILL, DO I CONTINUE TO GIVE ANNUALLY?

Gifts from your estate to The Endowment for Immanuel are used to support only the church's special needs and activities. The annual stewardship program provides the funding for current op-

ADMINISTRATION

THE ENDOWMENT OF IMMANUEL IS ADMINISTERED BY THE ELECTED PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE WHICH HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFEKEEPING, MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT AND TRANSFER OF ALL ASSETS OF THE FUND IN ADHERENCE TO ESTABLISHED POLICIES AND DONOR RESTRICTIONS. THE SESSION HAS OVERSIGHT OF THE PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE AND THE ENDOWMENT FOR IMMANUEL. A FINANCIAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE.

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