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# The Endowment Fund

## **What are Endowment Funds?**

The endowment funds have been created by College Avenue United Methodist Church. They are a means whereby gifts may be held in perpetuity with only earnings being used unless designated otherwise. Income from the funds supports mission and ministry in Muncie, Delaware County, the state, nation and the world.

## **How are the funds managed?**

The endowment funds are managed and promoted by a committee of College Avenue members according to policies set by the church. Funds are placed in reputable and fiscally competent institutions for investment by professional managers. The general objective is to invest funds with minimal risk to principal and yet provide income with moderate capital appreciation.

## **How are gifts used?**

Donors have a choice of how they wish their gifts to be used in ministry. Donors may designate their gifts to support any of the following causes or ministries:

- Building and Capital Improvements
- Mission Projects
- Education and Evangelism Ministries
- Music, Arts, and Cultural Ministries
- New Ministries Funds
- Non-designated fund

Gifts to the endowment funds without designating a purpose will be held, and only the earnings will be distributed periodically to meet needs or ministries as determined by the church.

## Why return some of the gifts God has given to you?

1. To express your Christian faith and personal values.
2. To establish a *permanent* living memorial.
3. To obtain a charitable gift tax deduction.
4. To contribute toward long-range financial planning for both yourself and God's work through the church.

## How can we give?

There are different ways people may give to the endowment funds. You may choose a gifting plan that best suits your financial circumstances and your desire to give. Several plans which you may consider are:

- Bequests (from wills)
- Securities
- Real Property
- Personal Property
- IRA Funds
- Life Insurance
- Trusts
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Gift Annuities
- Outright Gift of Cash
- Memorial and Honor Gifts

Planned gifts are suited for people who wish to make gifts through their estates and/or during their lifetime. Beneficial tax consequences accompany many gifting plans. We hope you are inspired to give generously in response to God's abundance in your life.

## Who can answer my questions?

You may have more questions than this brochure answers. Someone from The Endowment Fund Committee will be happy to talk with you. Also, the Indiana United Methodist Foundation will assist in helping members understand various charitable gift plans and options. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please return the completed form below.

I (we) have an interest in giving to the College Avenue Endowment Fund and would like more information about:

- The many ways of Christian giving as good financial planning.
- Designations as to how my (our) gift will be used.
- I would like someone to contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return in the mail to: The Endowment Fund, College Avenue United Methodist Church, 1968 West Main Street, Muncie, IN 47303. You may also place this in the offering plate, call 765-289-7337, or email [office@collegeavenuechurch.org](mailto:office@collegeavenuechurch.org). You may also fill out this form online at [collegeavenuechurch.org](http://collegeavenuechurch.org) from the home page under "Giving".