

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

\_\_\_ Please contact me with more information about setting up an endowment seminar.

\_\_\_ Please contact me with more information about setting up A meeting with an endowment committee

\_\_\_ Please contact me with more information about setting up an endowment

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Please return slip to:

### **Iowa United Methodist Foundation**

2301 Rittenhouse Street,  
Des Moines, IA 50321

## THE FOUNDATION WILL ASSIST YOU WITH:

- Setting up an endowment
- Rejuvenating an endowment
  - Spending policies
  - Investments
- Changing uses of endowments
- Philanthropy and the continuing transfer of wealth
  - Funding the church



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# Funding the Church



# ENDOWMENTS





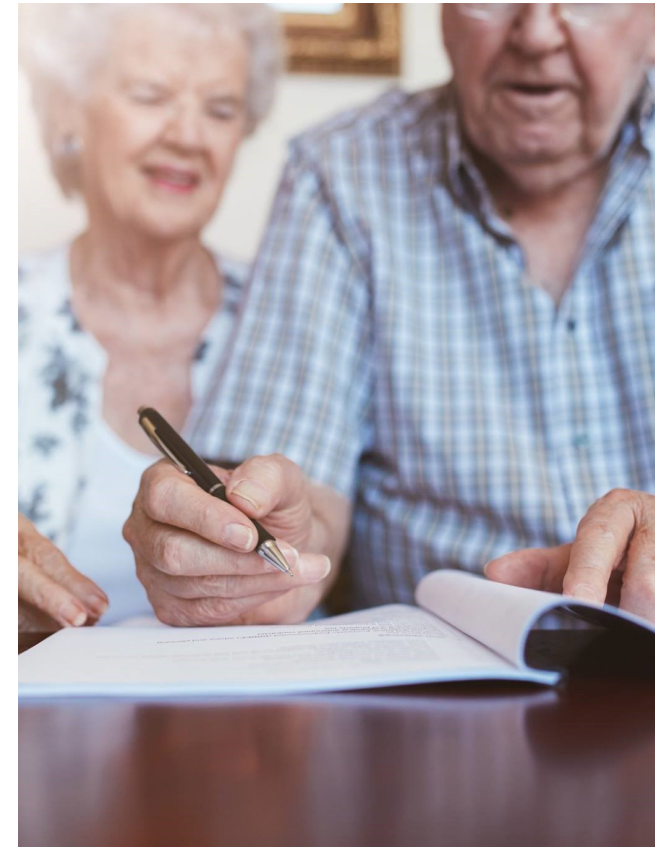
## WHY AN ENDOWMENT?

Church endowments provide income to maintain church buildings, generate funds for mission work, or enhance ministries. A properly structured endowment program can help you secure the financial future of your church. Endowments have provided a major source of funding for institutions in our society for years.



## POTENTIAL BENEFITS

The difference between endowment funds and other types of funds, such as operating or capital funds, is that assets are invested in perpetuity. The whole point of an endowment is to provide a steady, predictable source of income over time. Endowment funds can be fundamental to the financial stability of an organization and the income can provide a cushion against unforeseen expenses or economic downturns.



## HOW IT IMPACTS GIVING

When members are given opportunities to give from accumulated assets as well as from current income, it can lead to increased generosity. An endowment's existence will encourage deferred gifts to the church that might otherwise have gone to an alternate charity. They also provide opportunities for donors to give gifts in honor and in memory of family and friends. Find resources at [iumf.org/services-for-churches/workshops/endowments](http://iumf.org/services-for-churches/workshops/endowments)