



WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is a donation of money or property to a nonprofit organization which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose. Endowments keep the principal amount intact while using the investment income for charity and ministry. Since assets are invested in perpetuity, an endowment is different from an operating or capital fund, and can also be fundamental in protecting your church's future.



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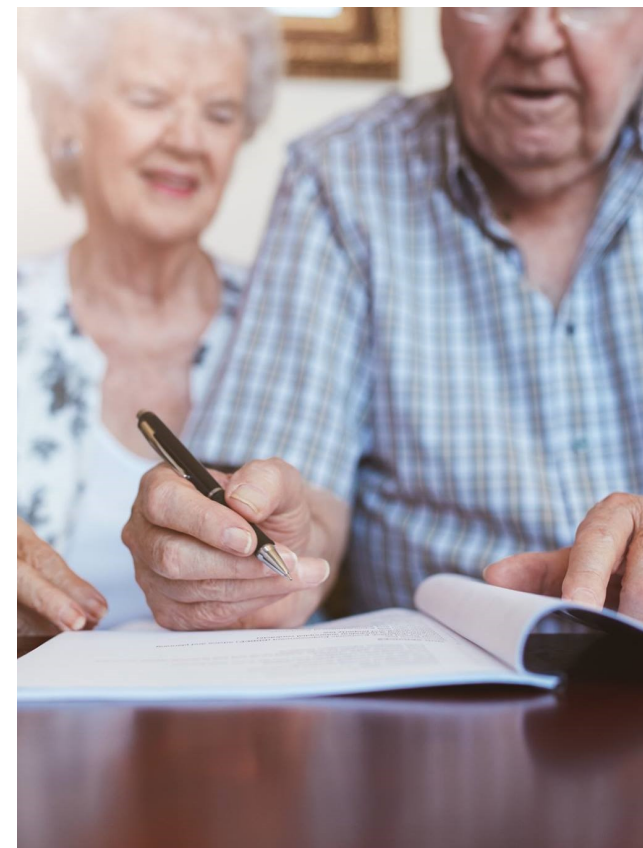
WHY AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment enables members to make gifts to the church that will support the church's ministries beyond the donor's lifetime. Gifts can be added to the endowment through bequests, trusts, living wills or other planned gifts. Often this option to give from accumulated assets in addition to weekly offering can increase generosity. A strong endowment can secure the financial future of your church and provide an important cushion against unforeseen expenses.



WHO CAN GIVE?

Anyone can contribute to an endowment fund once it has been established. An endowment's existence will encourage deferred gifts to the church that might otherwise have gone to an alternate charity. Members often appreciate the existence of an endowment because it allows them to give in honor and in memory of family and friends.



HOW CAN I SET IT UP?

The Foundation can walk you through the process of setting up an endowment, or assist you with rejuvenating an existing program. The Foundation has an Endowment Guide and Marketing Kit, and staff are available to present workshops on endowments, wills, planned giving and other subjects that may be of interest to prospective donors. Find resources at iumf.org/services-for-churches/workshops/endowments