



"FOR A WIDE DOOR FOR EFFECTIVE WORK HAS OPENED TO ME..."

1 CORINTHIANS 16:9

A great opportunity to share the Gospel opened for the Apostle Paul. We are not certain what it was but we do know that he was very excited by it. A wide open door was laid before him and Paul was determined to walk through it for the sake of proclaiming Jesus' Kingdom.

The Gospel is still urgent and your generosity can open doors through which women and men can walk and live it, share it, and proclaim it.

We have purposely chosen this outward focus for our Endowment because we want to see the Word of God continue to spread. We see amazing opportunities outside our doors in Edmond, Oklahoma City, Mexico, Africa, Iran, Russia, China, Japan and to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit is on the move beyond our borders in an amazing way! We live in an amazing time.

Our hope is that the Endowment at First Presbyterian Church of Edmond can help open some doors that are shut because of economic need. Your generosity can help build a church building in Africa or a school or clinic in Central America. Maybe your gift will fund the purchase of Bibles that get into the hands of some Muslim women who yearn for freedom in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is opening doors around the world. We want to look beyond our own building and our own congregation to join Jesus in carrying the Gospel around the world.

Will you help us open wide some doors?

In Jesus,

Eric Laverentz Lead Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Edmond

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ENDOWMENT PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED MINISTRY
AND DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDMOND
THROUGH THE RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT
OF ENDOWED GIFTS.

FPCE Endowment Program Established December 2015





DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

What calls your heart as you walk in faith at First Presbyterian Church? Is it working as a Deacon or Stephen Minister, or singing in the choir? Or perhaps it might be leaving a legacy gift in your Will for First Presbyterian Church of Edmond?

Perhaps, like us, you have long held a dream of furthering God's Kingdom, as it's written in the mission statement, by "opening doors" to new ministry and discipleship opportunities at First Presbyterian Church of Edmond. Until the Endowment Program was established, the Church had no formal program by which to turn those dreams into reality. Today the Endowment Program is here to assist us in doing not only that, but keeping those dreams funded into the future.

In this brochure, you will find examples of what we refer to as "Ways of Giving", any of which may be a way for you to open that door. We encourage you to read them and ask questions to any of us on the Endowment Board as you may have them. We strongly recommend, however, that you discuss any significant gift with a **professional advisor** before taking action in order to determine if it is in your best interest, as well as that of the church.

The Endowment Program has established a relationship with Texas Presbyterian Foundation for the purpose of providing investment and custodial services of Church funds. They have a 95 year history in providing this kind of support for churches, and more about them is provided in this brochure.

The account is open to contributions of any amount at any time. We believe strongly that one need not be wealthy to be charitable, and all gifts are appreciated by the spirit in which they are given.

We hope you will consider joining us in ensuring that doors are opened to new ways of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ at First Presbyterian Church of Edmond.

Yours in Christ,

The Trustees

ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TEXAS PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

In December of 2015, the Board of Endowment Trustees recommended to the Session of our church that an agreement be entered into with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) for services supporting our endowment program. These services include not only investment of endowed assets and support of our program of education on the "Ways of Giving", but all services necessary to preparing and administering gifts to the church. TPF is a valued partner in supporting our mission of expanding His Kingdom on earth.

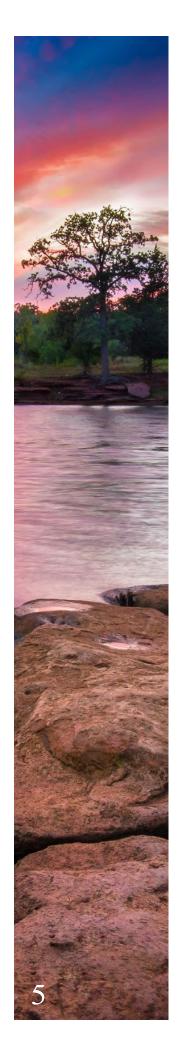
The Endowment Board recommended TPF after a thorough review of its mission, policies, procedures and fees for services, as well as conferring with other churches that have elected to use their services. Results of the research found: 1) TPF has developed a comprehensive sys-



tem of services designed specifically to support Presbyterian churches in charitable giving, 2) a history of prudent management of invested assets, 3) the lowest fees for service in the market place for investing and, 4) high satisfaction among current clients.

In 2020, TPF celebrated its ninety-fifth anniversary of service and reported total assets under management of more than eight hundred million dollars. TPF is open to PCUSA and ECO member churches alike. Representatives of both denominations serve on TPF's board of trustees. More information about TPF can be found at www.tpf.org, The Texas Presbyterian Foundation, 6100 Colwell Blvd. Suite 250, Irving, Texas 75039 or one of the FPCE Endowment Trustees.





PURPOSE OF THE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDMOND

NEW LIFE AND THE ENDOWMENT

New Life, through Jesus, for Edmond and the World, is the charge we have accepted as Covenant members of First Presbyterian Church of Edmond. It is a call to live out our Christian beliefs by going into the world with the message of salvation. The mission will mean expanding our current efforts and developing new ones. It will require support. Each year a meaningful portion of our annual stewardship dollars are devoted to mission and outreach work. They also underwrite the many programs offered in our buildings, and the staff and ministerial direction to carry them out; but the new charge will require more of us. Reaching out in new ways will take not only resources of time and effort, but money beyond the annual campaign. The Endowment Program was established to provide this support.

Expanding our outreach will also evoke a broader understanding of our concept of stewardship. God has blessed us with riches of many kinds; our families and friends, the freedom to worship Him, and for many, financial assets beyond those required to see to our daily needs. God has made us stewards of these blessings as well. It is from them that we are called to aid in underwriting the New Life offered through the expanding mission of the church.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is a gift, such as an asset (cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.) that has been given in trust to the First Presbyterian Church Endowment Program.

WHAT IS THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ENDOWMENT PROGRAM? It is the accumulation of gifts of assets from members and friends of First Presbyterian.

HOW WAS THE FPCE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED?

The Endowment Program was established by a joint resolution of the Session, a vote of the congregation and the establishment of the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM'S PURPOSE?

The Program exists to generate income for FPCE that allows FPCE to reach beyond the normal stewardship and operations of the church. It allows us to dream beyond current capabilities in expanding the mission of the church.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWMENT? Each gift provides the means of FPCE to provide financial support and living memorials, to fulfill its purpose in Christian ministry and mission.

- -Your gift allows you to extend your Christian witness beyond a lifetime, for generations to come.
- -Gifts provide an avenue for enriching and expanding our church's programs.
- -Gifts may provide the Donor an opportunity to realize tax advantages.

HOW IS THE MONEY OF THE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM INVESTED? The goal of the FPCE Endowment Program policy is to achieve returns managed prudently through a diversified and balanced approach. The Program is managed by a professional investment management team at The Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

WHAT TYPES OF ENDOWMENTS COMPRISE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S ENDOWMENT PROGRAM?

There are two types of funds in the Endowment Program: The Church Fund established and managed by the Session to support future ministries and programs and Donor Designated funds. Members of the church may establish a fund to support a particular interest such as scholarships, music, evangelism, etc.

More information on Donor Designated funds is presented further in the catalog.

CAN I SPECIFY THAT ONLY INCOME FROM THE FUND BE USED? Yes, in Donor Designated Funds, income only is used, but the income amount will be determined by the Trustees with approval from Session and based on the actual income that is generated by the fund(s). The Donor may recommend an annual distribution of income only or income and principle when establishing a fund. By either method the Donor's contribution will provide income in perpetuity.

BY WHOSE AUTHORITY IS A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ENDOW-MENT FUND(S) MADE?

The Endowment Trustees have the authority to distribute income earned upon request and approval of the Session.

WHAT KINDS OF GIFTS TO FPCE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM ARE ACCEPTABLE?

All gifts will be considered by the Endowment Trustees. Among those assets most commonly given are: cash, stocks, bonds, real estate and life insurance policies.

HOW MUCH MONEY OR PROPERTY CAN I GIVE AND RECEIVE FEDERAL TAX BENEFIT?

You should consult a tax professional for specific benefits, including estate taxes. Gifts provide the Donor an opportunity to realize any tax advantages applicable under current tax law.

CAN I ESTABLISH AN ENDOWMENT WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S ENDOWMENT PROGRAM DURING MY LIFETIME? Yes! You may establish an endowment during your lifetime or you may establish an endowment by your will or trust.

HOW DO I ESTABLISH AN ENDOWMENT WITH THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ENDOWMENT PROGRAM IN MY WILL OR TRUST? As with any matter regarding your will or trust, you should consult your attorney, accountant or financial advisor.





WHAT CAN I GIVE?

GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE GIFTS TO THE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM You may have many different kinds of assets!

CASH

Cash is the simplest and easiest of all assets to use in supporting our church. Any amount you choose may be added to any of the funds at any time to further the stated purpose. You may wish to use a gift to honor a loved one, commemorate a special event, as a memorial, or for something close to your heart. Any purpose you choose will be recognized by the Endowment Board of Trustees.

Contributions may be added to a fund's principal balance, with earnings from them made available each year in perpetuity. Thus, as the principal grows through donor contributions, so grow the benefits to the church.

STOCKS, BONDS AND MUTUAL SHARES

Appreciated securities are excellent endowment gifts. For you, tax on appreciation is bypassed and a charitable deduction is allowed as prescribed by law. Shares given to The Program are sold as soon as possible and the proceeds deposited into the endowment.

The deductible amount per share is determined by taking the high and low share value during the trading day then dividing by 2. For example: if shares sold between \$9.00 and \$10.00, the deduction value would be \$9.50 X the number of shares donated. For mutual fund shares, the value is the day's closing price.

If you choose this option, you will receive a letter stating the value received for tax purposes. As with any financial decision, you are advised to consult a professional advisor before proceeding.

CLOSELY HELD SHARES OF CORPORATIONS

Nonpublicly held shares of corporations are acceptable for gifting to the endowment program. Because of the complex rules associated with determining the value of such shares, donors are advised to seek professional guidance before proceeding.

REAL PROPERTY

Real estate is a popular asset/gift for supporting endowment funds. A personal residence or commercial property can be made available for sale with the proceeds benefiting the church. You should seek the guidance of a professional advisor if you wish to make a gift of real property.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Additional assets may be contributed to The Endowment Program. Items such as jewelry, rare coins and art may be acceptable to the program. Donors may contact a member of the Endowment Board of Trustees to determine whether an item is suitable. We advise you to consult your financial professional prior to making a decision in this area.

WAYS TO GIVE

CHARITABLE BEQUEST

A charitable bequest is one of the easiest and most flexible ways that you can leave a gift to The Endowment Program with lasting impact.

THE BENEFITS OF A BEQUEST:

- May receive an estate tax charitable deduction
- Leave a lasting legacy to the church endowment or one that you establish.

HOW A BEQUEST WORKS:

With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust specifying that a gift be made to family, friends, or the Endowment Program as part of your estate plan. Or, make a bequest using a beneficiary designation form.

SOME WAYS TO LEAVE A BEQUEST TO THE PROGRAM:

- Include a bequest to The Endowment Program in your will or revocable trust
- Designate the Endowment Program as a full, partial or contingent beneficiary of your retirement account (IRA, 401 (K) 403(B) or Pension
- Name the Endowment Program as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

BEQUEST MAY BE MADE IN SEVERAL WAYS:

- Percentage make a gift of a percentage of your estate
- Specific make a gift of a specific dollar amount or a specific asset;
- Residual make a gift from the balance or residue of your estate

Sample Bequest Language

CASH

I bequeath the sum of \$XXXXX to The First Presbyterian Church of Edmond Endowment Program.

BEQUEST OF A PERCENT OF AN ESTATE

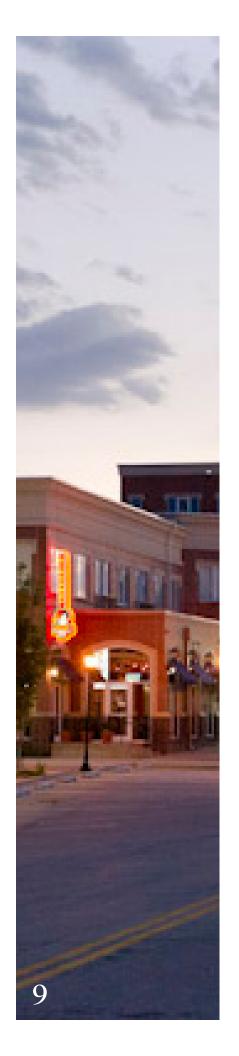
I devise and bequeath 20% (or any percentage) of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or residue, and wherever located to the First Presbyterian Church of Edmond Endowment Program.

CONTINGENT BEQUEST

If my sister, Jane Doe, survives me, I devise and bequeath 20% (or any percentage) of the remainder and residue of the property, whether real or personal, and wherever located to Jane Doe. If Jane Doe does not survive me, then I devise and bequeath 20% of my residuary estate to the First Presbyterian Church of Edmond Endowment Program.

*Neither the church nor the Endowment Program provide legal or tax advice. We recommend that donors contact an attorney before making any estate decisions.





PROGRAM FUNDS

There are times during our church lives when special occasions arise for which we want to give recognition. The Session Endowments or donor-designated funds can be one way to show that appreciation. By contributing to a fund in the name of the person(s) or event, we can show our caring and provide a lasting benefit to the church outreach efforts. Below is a list of easy ways of giving.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Contributions to an endowment fund to remember the life of a family member or friend who has passed away can become a lasting tribute providing support in reaching people with the message of salvation.

RECOGNITION

A gift to honor the Christian service of a covenant partner who has given significantly of time and/or talent to a program of the church, or to a person or group performing a significant community service in the name of the church.

CELEBRATIONS

Life achievements such as marriage, a special anniversary, the birth of a child, recovery from serious illness or other events of significance to the Christian life of a covenant partner can be a joyful way to celebrate and build support for reaching out to our community.

DISCIPLESHIP

Express discipleship by adding to the endowments in support of our mission of expanding the Kingdom to those who have not received the promise of God's grace.

To contribute, make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Edmond and note the name of the program in the memo section.

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA)

THE REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

For individuals who are 72 or older and own a traditional IRA, a very good way of establishing or adding to an endowed fund is to make distributions directly from your IRA to The Endowment Program. When you reach that age, the IRS requires the custodian of your IRA to distribute a minimum amount, known as the Required Minimum Distribution, or RMD.

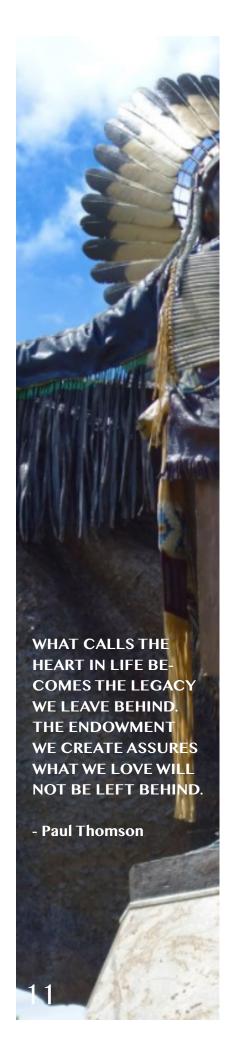
The amount is a percent (formula-generated amounts usually 4.5-5%) of the value of the assets at close of business on December 31st of each year. The RMD is considered taxable income to be distributed during the following calendar year.

Congress currently allows for the directing of this income to a church or charity in any amount up to the RMD without it being considered taxable. The donor does not receive a deduction, but the amount donated (up to the minimum required) is considered toward meeting the RMD for that year. For IRA owners who do not need the distribution, the donation is a good way to minimize taxation and help the church at the same time!

Initially created to aid those devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Congress enacted this provision temporarily to add specific organizations working the Hurricane relief. The response was significant and Congress approved the change for the following years. In the years since, charitable organizations petitioned Congress to make this a permanent part of the tax law and expanded the beneficiaries to include any recognized charity or church. The permanent change was enacted in 2015.

If you are in a position to take advantage of this provision, you may wish to consider directing some of your Required Minimum Distribution to FPCE's Endowment Program; the gift will provide support for new and existing programs and services in perpetuity.





LIFE INSURANCE

Many donors express their wish "to be able to do more" and make a larger contribution to their church. Contributing life insurance may be the way. Instead of making a contribution to the endowment, the same money could buy a policy that would yield several times the premium amount at death. Because both life expectancy and health have improved over the years, the cost of life insurance has generally decreased. This is especially true for a so-called second to die policy since the cost is spread over two lives.

Once a policy is purchased, if the owner(s) transfer title to the endowment and named it as their beneficiary, they may receive a tax deduction for the amount of premium paid, as allowable by the IRS for their situation. Neither the Endowment Program nor the church provide financial or tax advice; but recommend that before making any gift of consequence, donors consult a financial professional.

The Endowment Program will consider accepting policies for which the full cost has not been paid. In this case once ownership is transferred to the endowment and named it as beneficiary, the Donors will be eligible for tax deductions with each premium payment until the policy is paid up; thus lowering the actual out-of-pocket cost. Again, a financial professional can determine how any deduction may apply.

Using life insurance to fund your endowment may make "doing more", more possible than you may think.

Please contact one of the Endowment Program Trustees or speak with your financial advisor for more detailed information on this type of gift.

CHARITABI F GIFT ANNUITY

Many people have acquired assets such as Certificates of Deposit, to provide a dependable source of income. One would assume that donating the asset would result in also giving up the income it produces. However, the Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a way in which one can donate an asset that produces income yet continue to have income for life.

WHAT IS A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY?

The Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract between a donor and a charitable organization, in which a donor exchanges an irrevocable contribution of cash or property for a life time of income. The CGA is not an insurance product and its rates are tied to a donor(s) age rather than market interest rates; the older the donor the higher the rate.

HOW DOES THE CGA WORK?

The illustration below shows a hypothetical example of a donor, named John who is 75 years old. John owns CD's and is unhappy with the rate of interest they pay. He is also a long time member of his church and wants to do something to benefit it, but does not want to give up the even lower return he receives. After consulting with his financial advisor, he decided to use a portion of the money he has in CD's to establish a CGA.

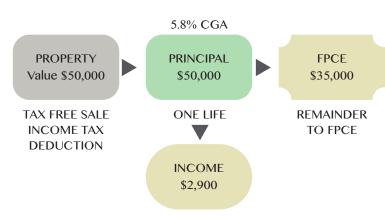
John decides to transfer to his church \$50,000 to establish the CGA. For this he will receive quarterly payments totaling \$2,900 per year for life of which \$2,157 is tax free. John's gift also qualifies for a federal tax deduction of about \$23,252, which at his marginal tax rate of 22% saves him about \$5,115. The state of Oklahoma allows the deduction as well, saving him addition taxation. The principal remaining at John's death will be transferred to the church endowment. CGA's may be established for one or two lives. If for two lives the rate may be lower.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY CALCULATOR

To see how this might work for you, visit the Endowment page of the FPCE website to use a CGA calculator* to prepare an illustration to discuss your options with a professional advisor. You can do "what if" scenarios with the calculator to see the benefits.

Visit www.fpcedmond.org/give to prepare an illustration using the online Charitable Glft Annuity Calculator.

*The calculator neither asks for nor collects, or stores any information, so you may obtain information anonymously and without concern that you will be contacted by anyone. It is meant only as a tool for educational purposes for you and your advisor.







CHARITABI F REMAINDER TRUST

The Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) has been the most-used device for donors as a means to benefit churches and charities. The CRT provides income and tax advantages for donors and upon the donor's death, the remaining assets are transferred to First Presbyterian Church of Edmond. Such trusts are usually prepared by an experienced estate planning attorney. After determining which is in the best interest of the donors; it is then transferred to FPCE by the donor for management.

ADVANTAGE OF A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST CRTs hold a broader array of asset types than the Gift Annuity. Shares of closely held stock, or property may be used to fund a trust as well as cash and securities. For this reason, it is often used as part of an estate plan.

TWO TYPES OF CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

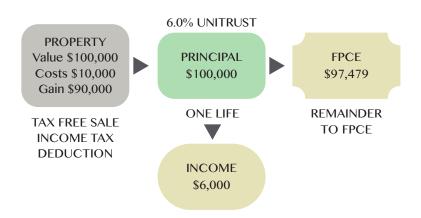
The two types of Charitable Remainder Trusts are the Annuity trust and Unitrust.

- 1) An Annuity trust pays a fixed dollar amount to the donor.
- 2) A Unitrust pays a fixed percentage of the trust assets to the donor.

LET'S LOOK AT AN EXAMPLE

After meeting with their attorney, George and Mary decide on a Unitrust funded with some highly appreciated stock. Once established, the trust is transferred to their church endowment for management. George and Mary will fund the trust with 1000 shares of XYZ Inc., currently paying a 2% annual dividend. The stock they purchased for \$10 per share years ago has gained in value and is now worth \$100 per share. Once received by the trust managers, the shares are sold with the proceeds exchanged for shares of a diversified investment portfolio. The donors will then receive quarterly payments over their two lives.

Visit www.fpcedmond.org/give to prepare an illustration like the one below, using the online Charitable Unitrust Calculator.



The illustration shows the results of their decision. The starting value of the trust is \$100,000 and the couple have chosen to receive a six percent return. Included in the flow chart are the taxes saved on gain in share value as well as a substantial charitable deduction. During the years the trust is active, the assets continue to grow, providing them with increased income and a final payout to the Church greater than their original contribution. As always, the Endowment Program Trustees recommend consulting with a professional advisor before making any significant decision on your investment portfolio.

QUESTIONS FOR MY FINANCIAL ADVISOR



Linda Boyce

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If you wish to discuss the Endowment Program in detail, call Todd Cooper, FPCE Executive Pastor, at (405) 341-3602 ext.101 to arrange for an appointment with an Endowment Program Trustee.



