

## Christ Church Endowment

In the Spring of 2019, members of Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) (3101 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC) began considering merging with another United Methodist Church. During the summer, the CUMC membership voted to embark on the process for merging with Haymount United Methodist Church (HUMC). After discussions and meetings with leadership of both congregations, a joint charge conference was requested. At the joint conference on August 7, 2019, each congregation made a motion for the merger and both motions passed unanimously. Thus, CUMC and HUMC became one church, operating under the Haymount United Methodist Church name.

The proceeds from the sale of the CUMC property, May 7, 2021, together with investments the Christ congregation had amassed over the years were combined to create the **Christ Church Endowment**. The creation of this permanent endowment, in honor and memory of the members and ministries of Christ Church, was specified in the merger agreement between Christ Church and Haymount. Each year, a percentage of the earnings may be withdrawn and used in accordance with the merger agreement:

*The people of Christ UMC have invested the principal of their investments to be preserved for many years into the future, so that the income generated by these investments can help fund ongoing United Methodist ministry within the Fayetteville area, with particular emphasis on ministries to college students, youth, and children.*

The fund emphasizes ministry with students as a primary goal, but the income is available, at the discretion of the Christ Church Endowment Committee, to fund other unbudgeted, identified needs of HUMC. Distributions from this endowment include gifts to the Haymount Preschool, music ministries, the organ fund, lighting upgrades, youth ministries, defibrillator, congregational care programs, CRESP (Cumberland Road Elementary School Program), United Women of Faith, HUMC MOPs (mothers of preschoolers) and other needs. Thank you, Christ Church!