

Extended Ministries

Endowment Fund



Redeemer Lutheran Church

Brook Park, Ohio

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*For I know that my redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the
earth; . . . Job 19:25*

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1. What is this fund?

Life-long Christian stewardship involves management of all the assets that God has entrusted to his people, including abilities, time, income, appreciated assets and possessions.

Christians have the privilege and duty to support the work of the Church through contributions of time, abilities and financial support as stewards of God's gifts.

Members of this congregation can fulfill their privilege and duty by giving to the work of the church through, for example, bequests in wills or living trusts, designations of retirement or pension plans, assignments of life insurance, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, assignments of certificates of deposit, transfers of property such as cash, stocks, bonds and real estate.

An endowment fund is a special investment account to which individuals can contribute cash or other assets. These funds are invested and only the interest earned is spent on various projects and programs of the congregation. Through a bylaw of its constitution, Redeemer Lutheran congregation has established the Redeemer Lutheran Church Extended Ministries Endowment Fund to encourage giving and supporting the congregation's extended ministries.

*Like good stewards of the manifold
grace of God, serve one another with
whatever gift each of you has
received.*

1 Peter 4:10

2. Why does RLC have an endowment fund?

The endowment fund provides a means for individuals to invest in the future ministries of the congregation with gifts that will continue to generate income. The donor can support the church's work even after death.

3. What is the purpose of the fund?

The purpose of the Redeemer Lutheran Church Extended Ministries Endowment Fund is to provide annual distributions that will fund extended ministries at home and around the world, above and beyond the programs supported through the regular offerings of this congregation.

4. Who can give?

Gifts are appreciated from any individual (member or friend of RLC), private or corporate foundation. Gifts will be accepted with the approval of the endowment committee.

5. How much can I give?

Gifts in any amount, at any time, as often as desired are encouraged and sincerely appreciated. Written acknowledgements will be provided for all gifts.

6. What can be given?

Cash or check: *This is the easiest method.*

Securities (stocks or bonds): *There are tax advantages with regard to capital gains or losses. This can be accomplished through a simple transfer from your broker to the endowment fund's securities account. All securities received will be sold and the proceeds invested.*

Certificates of deposit: *These can be given upon maturity or payable on death with the endowment fund as a beneficiary.*

Savings Account: *This can be made payable on death with the endowment fund as a beneficiary.*

Life insurance: *The endowment fund can be named as a beneficiary to an existing or new policy.*

IRAs and Retirement Funds: *The account balance from a qualified retirement plan can be designated to the endowment fund, payable on death.*

Real Estate: *The endowment fund can receive the property directly or inherit it through a will. All property will be sold and the proceeds invested.*

7. How does the fund work?

The individual gives the assets to the endowment fund. The assets are invested and managed. When the endowment fund principal balance reaches \$75,000 the earned income is distributed, at a designated time each year, according to the conditions of the endowment fund bylaw:

- a. Up to 40% for outreach into the local community or synod as the endowment committee determines;
- b. Up to 40% for ELCA Churchwide ministries as the endowment committee determines;
- c. Up to 40% for extraordinary programs / capital improvement or other ministry initiatives within Redeemer congregation;
- d. Up to 40% distributed through any of the above categories.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

8. How is the fund managed?

The Redeemer Church Endowment Committee, consisting of five members elected by the congregation, manages the fund. The committee reports to the Redeemer Church Council and Redeemer Congregation. Funds are invested in a manner that is neither overly conservative nor overly aggressive. The objective is to minimize the risk while generating as much income as possible. Current information regarding the investment performance of the fund is available from the RLC Treasurer.

Only the interest income generated is available for distribution after the principal balance reaches \$75,000. The principal gift is always maintained. RLC Church Council must approve all recommended disbursements

9. How can I support this fund?

Gifts will be accepted at any time. Gifts may be given during the donor's lifetime as well as after death.

The legal name of the entity receiving gifts is Redeemer Lutheran Church, Inc., federal tax I.D. 34-1209858, Ohio tax I.D. 51-449934. The address is 6151 Smith Road, Brook Park OH 44142.

Methods for giving include:

At year end: The end of the year is a time of reflection and of sharing financial blessings with others. Gifts to the endowment fund may provide tax benefits.

In honor or memory: Giving to the endowment fund is a wonderful tribute to a loved one, living or deceased.

In celebration: Consider giving to the endowment fund to recognize a special occasion, anniversary or birthday.

A will: One of the simplest and most common ways to give to the endowment fund is to designate the fund to receive a percentage of your estate, a specific amount or the residue of the remainder after your estate has been settled and all obligations satisfied. This can easily be accomplished with a codicil or a simple addendum to an existing will.

A trust: A variety of arrangements can be made so that both donor and beneficiary will benefit over time. Trusts are private documents that can minimize probate, taxes and time for estate settlement.

All methods of giving should be discussed with your attorney, financial advisor, accountant, or other estate planning professional to ensure your specific desires and financial situation are designed in your best interest.

10. Are there other benefits that result from the endowment fund?

The donor receives the satisfaction of knowing that Redeemer Lutheran Church's extended ministry will continue indefinitely. Redeemer Lutheran Church is blessed with a continual source of funds for extended ministries, programs that are not part of the operating budget.

Gifts to the endowment fund are a wonderful way to teach Christian stewardship to future generations. The donor also establishes a legacy that signifies the donor's life of commitment to the church. It is an expression of thanks in response to the promise of our Risen Savior.

The donor may also enjoy tax benefits and income protection for other inheritors.

11. Where can I get more information?

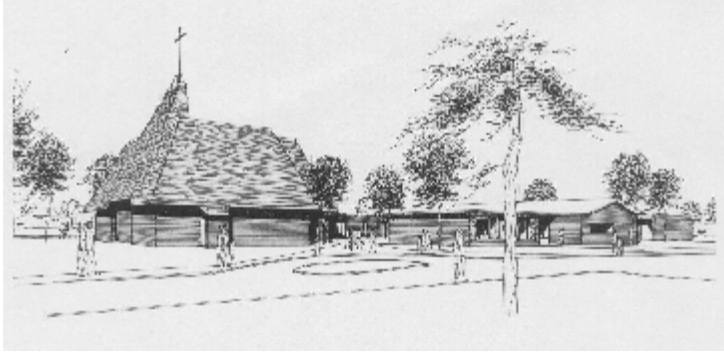
Contact the church office 216.676.5173, the pastor or a member of the endowment fund committee. Consult with your attorney, financial advisor or the ELCA Foundation 800.638.3522 x2970 to discuss the best way to contribute and develop your legacy plans.

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