



Why Churches Should Establish a Permanent Endowment

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Individuals Benefit by:

Providing a vehicle for leaving a legacy to their church. It serves as an annual reminder of faith and witness of each donor.

Multiplying the donor's gift by combining it with gifts of others that grows under professional financial management (such as the UM Foundation).

Encourages congregants to think about all God has entrusted to them in life. When paired with a planned giving program, donors may choose to endow their annual pledge, tithe their assets, or give some other percentage of their income/assets.

Showing donors that their church is committed to using endowment gifts in a financially accountable way in perpetuity.

Giving donors the opportunity to give the largest gift of their life time••a gift in support of their favorite on-going ministries and personal priorities.

Congregations Benefit by:

Providing a way to receive large gifts that will not overwhelm the congregation or discourage on-going stewardship and annual giving.

Providing a source of funding to support large projects as well as monies for future ministries.

Encouraging church leadership to be maintain a focus on present as well as future ministries.

Providing an alternative to receipt of major gifts without restrictions which can create conflict if the church struggles over how to spend or save it. Having an endowment fund can dramatically reduce the pressure to 'pick a project' when a major gift is received.

Offering stability and hope of a future for a congregation struggling to survive.

Providing a way to support the on-going cost of building maintenance or long-term commitments to new ministry.

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