

All gifts received the Endowment Fund shall be invested through establishment of accounts with the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.

Contributions may be made as:

UNDESIGNATED GIFTS, in which the donor give the Endowment Fund, in consultation with the appropriate Etowah Church groups, the flexibility to use the gift, as well as the earnings from the gift, in a way deemed most meaningful in supporting the purposes and long-term plans of Etowah Church. Undesignated gifts in any amount are welcomed by the Endowment Fund.

DESIGNATED GIFTS, in which the donor designates a specific project or activity that is within the purposes of Etowah Church and does not jeopardize the tax-free status of the church. The Endowment Fund shall have the authority and responsibility to accept or reject any and all designated gifts.

The Endowment Fund is operated under the auspices of Etowah United Methodist Church and qualifies as a Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, contributions qualify as charitable deductions for tax purposes.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Gifts to the ETOWAH ENDURING ENDOWMENT may be made at any time. Contributors are encouraged to discuss their intended gift with a member of the Endowment Fund Committee or a member of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina prior to making a gift. The Etowah Church office (828-891-4360) will provide a list of the current committee members and their telephone numbers. Anonymity will be respected.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A GIFT TO THE ETOWAH ENDURING ENDOWMENT FUND TO ADVANCE CHRIST'S WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD!



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“THE ETOWAH ENDURING ENDOWMENT FUND”



**This Is Your Opportunity to Support
ETOWAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**In our effort to advance Christ's work in
our community and the world.**

Endowment Fund

The Etowah Enduring Endowment Fund is the beginning of something that is permanent. It is something that is meaningful. It is something that will be a springboard for the future.

It was in this spirit that the Endowment Fund was created by the Etowah United Methodist Church in 2012.

What Is It?

It is administered by the Enduring Endowment Fund Committee of Etowah United Methodist Church under the authority granted by the Charge Conference. The committee members are the Pastor and other leaders of the Church.

It was established under the guidance of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.

The Fund is supported entirely by voluntary donations given directly to the Endowment Fund.

Why Was It Created?

The Enduring Endowment Fund was established to provide the members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to Etowah United Methodist Church that will become a permanent endowment of financial support and a living memorial.

What is Its Purpose?

Gifts donated to the Endowment Fund are to support projects and activities that are not a part of the church's established programs that are funded through the annual operating budget and the regular giving of the members.

These include:

- ◆ Mission Fund (for missions in and beyond the local church and community)
- ◆ General Endowment Fund (for unbudgeted special needs and ministries identified by the church leadership)
- ◆ Capital Improvements/Expenditures Fund (not part of the annual budget)

The projects and activities supported by the Endowment Fund are selected carefully, in prayerful consultation with appropriate church organizations and in the case of physical improvements or maintenance projects, with the Board of Trustees.

*“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
As long as you ever can.”*

-John Wesley

What Kind of Gifts are Appropriate?

The Etowah Enduring Endowment Fund gratefully accepts virtually any kind of gift or bequest that is consistent with the purposes of the church.

The types of donations can vary widely, depending upon the assets and tax situation of the donor. They may include:

- ◆ Cash, stocks, mutual funds, bonds or other securities
- ◆ Real estate or cash generated from the sale of real estate
- ◆ Personal property and possessions, such as automobiles, jewelry, boats, etc.
- ◆ Life insurance policies

Gifts may be made through a variety of vehicles, including:

- ◇ Bequests of Wills
- ◇ Charitable gift annuities
- ◇ Charitable remainder trusts
- ◇ Charitable lead trusts
- ◇ Donor advised funds

Regardless of the type of contribution or the mechanism used to make it, gifts to the Endowment Fund for the long-term ministry of the Etowah Church can be made in honor – or in perpetual memory- of a special person in the life of the donor. What better way to honor someone special than to give a gift that will have a lasting impact on the ministry of Etowah United Methodist Church.