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A formal charter for the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge Permanent Endowment Program was approved by Church Council and Charge Conference, November, 2003. The Program is for purposes beyond the day-to-day needs of the church and is a "means by which the faithful may express their gratitude to God and strengthen the church ministries." Enduring Gifts provides our members and friends with opportunities to support our church programs, missions, and facilities through permanent financial gifts, wills, and trusts.

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The primary purpose of the Enduring Gifts Program is to grow endowed funds for sustaining future church programs, missions, and facilities. Some Enduring Gifts Funds are invested by the Holston Conference Foundation of the United Methodist Church for the growth advantages of pooled funds from other similar churches. Invested funds are made available when a conservatively invested base of \$25,000 is established. Enduring Gifts funds grow and sustain future ministries of our church.

### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

Members and friends may make Enduring Gifts to our church through:

- **WILLS**
- **CHARITABLE TRUSTS/ANNUITIES**
- **LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES**
- **CASH OR PROPERTY**
- **STOCKS OR BONDS**
- **OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**
- **MEMORIAL GIFTS (FUTURE PUBLICATION)**

### WHY GIVE TO FUMC ENDURING GIFTS?

As tax laws change, new ideas continue to be developed. Gifts may be given to honor life and as memorials at the deaths of members, family, and friends. Our Lead Pastor and Financial Planners can assist with these important decisions.

### HOW ARE ENDOWED FUNDS INVESTED?

Most endowment funds are invested in the Holston Conference Foundation which serves as investment advisor. Funds are managed by the FUMCOR Permanent Endowment Program Enduring Gifts Committee. The Permanent Endowment Program was founded and is audited in accordance with the *United Methodist Book of Discipline* and *Book of Social Principles*.

### HOW WILL FUND EARNINGS BE USED?

Donors of designated funds can specify how they wish the earnings of their gifts to be used. When the required \$25,000 endowment base has matured with sufficient return on investment, funds may be utilized for the donors' designated purposes. The intent is to build Endowments for the future.

Gift options for existing endowments include:

- **GENERAL ENDOWMENT**
- **PROPERTY ENDOWMENT**
- **MISSION ENDOWMENT**
- **ADULT MUSIC**
- **WITHROW YOUTH CHOIR**
- **YOUTH MINISTRIES**
- **JONES LIBRARY**
- **REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP**
- **MOONEY VISITATION**
- **TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP**

### HOW ARE REQUESTS MADE TO USE FUNDS?

Requests for the designated purpose of the donor can be made to the Lead Pastor or the Enduring Gifts Committee. The Committee can authorize the use of funds according to the donor's designation or the Committee's designation for undesignated funds. The Enduring Gifts Committee accepts, monitors, and dispenses the funds according to approved Church procedures.

*Once a traveler saw a man planting a carob tree. He asked him when he thought the tree would bear fruit.*

*“After seventy years,” was the reply.*

*Do you expect to live seventy years and eat the fruit of your labor?”*

*“I did not find the world desolate when I entered it,” said the old man, “and as my ancestors planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who come after me.”*



***Our Enduring Gifts can . . .***

- Enhance our faith today***
- Ensure strength for tomorrow***

*"Through this permanent  
endowment fund, our gratitude  
can be expressed in generosity  
through charitable gifts, wills, and  
trusts which can provide a secure  
source of funding above and  
beyond our operating budget."*

*Stella Roberts,  
Lead Pastor*

*"Living a life of Christian  
generosity means acquiring an  
understanding that nothing we  
have actually belongs to us.  
Everything belongs to God!"*

*Troy Forrester,  
Associate Pastor*

*"Giving to the Enduring Gifts  
Fund at First United Methodist  
Church, Oak Ridge ensures our  
future witness and mission to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation of the world."*

*Crystal Smith,  
Associate Pastor*

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