



Mission and Ministry Endowment PLANTING SEEDS

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.” 1 Cor 3:6



Cash gifts as well as Bequests, Devises, and Legacies are ways to give to the Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund established by Grace Lutheran Church in 2019. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to assure that gifts received, whether cash or as bequests, devises, or legacies, remain secure and invested with the intent of supporting the long-term welfare of the congregation.

What are BEQUESTS, DEVISES, and LEGACIES? These terms define three types of gifts made in one’s will or trust. A bequest is a general gift of cash or property, valued at any amount, with specific instructions in a will or trust as to how to distribute. A devise is a gift of specific property such as a house or land. Lastly, a legacy is a broader term and covers all types of gifts noted above as well as cash.

Giving a gift through your estate is an effective way to assure ongoing support to Grace Lutheran Church for many years to come. Through the work of the Endowment Fund committee, the principal remains secure and only the returns received from the investments become available for distribution. There is no minimum amount, and the Endowment Fund pools all the gifts together into an investment fund operated by the ELCA Foundation.



How Do I Get Started Planting Seeds? Meeting with your financial advisor, accountant, attorney, trust manager or other professional advisor is your first step. Discuss with them your goals and the gift you want to make to the Endowment Fund. Using a professional assures that your wishes are in place and followed. Second, once you make your decision, let the committee know your intent as well as any wishes to honor or memorialize an individual or group of people with your gift. Committee members are available to assist you in identifying resources for setting up your plans. All planning conversations remain confidential.