

The Mission
Endowment Fund
is a permanent
gift for
generations to
come –
one that lets you
support the things
that mean the
most to you.



**You can make your gift—
and leave your mark
on the future—
at any time.**

Contact us for further information. We can arrange a meeting with the pastor or with a member of the Mission Endowment Committee to explore how a gift to this permanent fund can fit into your overall stewardship and estate planning. We can also refer you to an appropriate professional, and we encourage you to consult your own advisor on estate and tax matters.

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The Mission Endowment Fund of Peace Lutheran Church

This Fund was established to provide members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts that will become a part of a permanent Endowment Fund. Its purpose is to enhance the mission outreach apart from the general operating budget of the congregation.

A Council nominated, congregation elected, committee composed of six members (all of whom are voting members of Peace Lutheran Church) shall act on behalf of the congregation as custodians of the fund. The Senior Pastor and the Council President shall be non-voting advisory members of the committee.

How Will the Mission Endowment Fund be Used?

Once the fund reaches a principal amount of \$50,000 or duration of five (5) years from the establishment of the fund has passed, the interest from the fund will be distributed as follows:

- At least 60% of the annual distribution will be used for the following programs, ministries, and needs;
 - Local area (20%)
 - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin (20%)
 - ELCA (20%)
- Up to 20% of the annual distribution may be used for extraordinary non-budgeted programs, capital improvements, or other ministry initiatives within Peace Lutheran Church
- Up to 20% of the annual distribution may be used for other programs, ministries or needs which are consistent with the purpose of the fund.

How Can I Make a Difference?

Gifts to the Mission Endowment Fund are welcome in almost any form. The following list is an overview of gift plans to consider; we can provide additional information on any topic of interest to you:

- Outright gifts of cash, marketable securities; real estate or other property such as art or jewelry;
- A bequest made in your will or estate plan;
- A Life Insurance Policy assignment;
- A Life Income Gift such as a Charitable Remainder Trust or a Gift Annuity



Endowment gifts are like seeds we plant in a field of dreams for our church. We cultivate a future of love and faith, enabling current ministries to grow and new ministries to blossom.



Benefits of Your Gift

Tax benefits can be significant and very favorable. They will vary according to the type of gift and the specifics of your circumstances. We are available to help you understand your giving options. We also encourage you to consult your own tax advisor.

Possible tax treatments include:

- Life income gifts may offer an immediate income tax deduction as well as an ongoing income stream, some of which may be tax free;
- Gifts of appreciated property may allow you to deduct the full fair market value of the property; the capital gains are not taxed;
- A bequest made at death is exempt from estate close to half the amount of the gift. Gifts of an IRA can provide even more significant benefits.

How Will the Fund be Invested?

The assets of the fund will be invested in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's Endowment Fund Pooled Trust. All assets of the fund are to be held in the name of Peace Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund and will be audited annually by the Audit Committee of the congregation. A complete account of the administration of the fund will be rendered at the January Congregational Meeting.