

Do You Have an Estate?

Your estate is the sum of your assets, including property you own, insurance policies, retirement accounts, cash on hand, etc. Wealthy people may have very large estates, but even people who aren't wealthy often have the resources to make a charitable bequest. **If every adult in America made a will and included a bequest of just \$100, billions of dollars would flow to charitable causes every year.**

Below, we have listed some sample bequest language. We always recommend that you carefully review the terms of your will with a professional trained in handling trusts and estates. General bequests are legacies left to certain people or causes that come from the general value of the estate, and are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of your estate to the cause of your choice.

General bequest language:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to NAME OF CHARITY/ LOCATION, the sum of \$____(or a description of the specific asset), for the benefit of NAME OF CHARITY and its general purposes."

Make a difference, Make a Planned Gift

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A Mission Endowment Fund for English Lutheran Church

Transforming lives by spreading God's love through Christ-centered generosity

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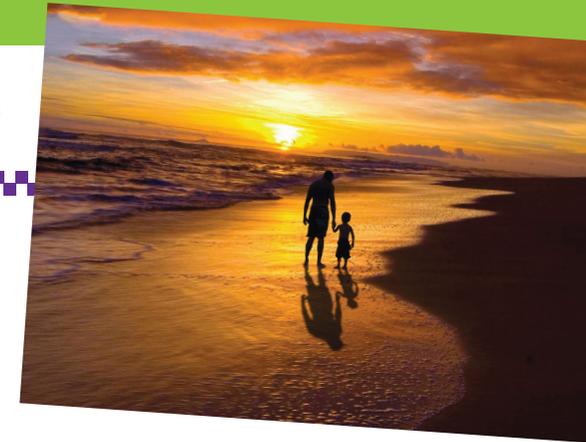
Distribution Options

Mission projects, as agreed to by the congregation.

Local Mission Work (e.g. Garage No Sale, Ellsworth Food Pantry, etc.)

Regional and National Ministries (e.g. Lutheran Disaster Relief, Luther Pt.)

Global Ministries (e.g. Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger, etc.)



What is a Mission Endowment?

A mission endowment is a perpetual fund that supports current and future ministries of the church. The English Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund was established as a tool to receive, manage, and distribute estate gifts from congregation members and benefactors.



What will your legacy be?



The Benefits are Many...

Local Control

A mission endowment fund is a single pool of resources set up by our congregation to receive gifts. We decide how the income earned is spent.

Donor Choice

Undesignated gifts provide the greatest flexibility for the church to meet the needs where they exist, but gifts to the fund can also be designated.

Tax Advantages

A gift to our mission endowment fund qualifies for a current income tax charitable deduction and for an estate tax deduction. There are different ways to maximize tax advantages. One approach is to use the amount of the deduction to purchase life insurance to benefit any named beneficiary.

A Lasting Legacy

When your congregation chooses to set up a mission endowment fund, it is making a commitment to its members to act as a good steward of donated assets. Donors to the fund are, in turn, leaving a legacy of stewardship that will carry forward for many years into the future. Only interest earned on the principal gift is distributed preserving the original gift.

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Honoring the Past

Since it's founding more than 90 years ago, English Lutheran Church has been blessed by a strong sense of Christian community. Generously giving of its time and talents has allowed the congregation to reflect God's love on each other, the local community, and the world at large.

We have been further blessed by members who chose to leave a lasting financial memorial to their church in the form of an estate gift. The Mission Endowment Committee wishes to thank and honor the memories of the following members, who provided the foundational gifts that allowed us to establish the endowment in 2013:

Mary Ames Estate
Evelyn Swanson

Love changes people
1Peter 2:9

Witnessing the Present

At English Lutheran Church, we exist as a Christian congregation because we have been called together by the Holy Spirit and given the task of knowing and sharing God through care, compassion and creative worship.

Everyone has something to offer
1Corinthians 12:4-7

Growing towards the Future

Creating a thoughtful gift plan can have an impact today and for years to come. Whether you have much to give or a small amount to share, your gift can support the ministries of English Lutheran Church.

The world needs what we have - 2Timothy 4:1-5

What is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving means mapping out a plan for making gifts to church and to charity. A caring person integrates planned giving into his or her financial strategies during different phases of life. Many individuals consider planned giving when they decide how to transfer their estates to the places

and people whom they want to benefit from a lifetime of hard work. In addition to fulfilling their charitable goals and acknowledging, financially and spiritually, their gratefulness to God, donors may receive tax benefits and lifetime incomes through several types of tax-favored plans.

Planned Giving takes many forms and is tailored to meet the needs and goals of the donor. Each person's dreams make each gift unique and important. Martin Luther stated, "The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious."

