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In the Book of Genesis, we read:

Now the Lord said to Abraham, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

– *Genesis 12 (selected verses)*

God has richly blessed Highland Park United Methodist Church and its members. Having been so blessed, we are called to be a blessing to others, reflecting God’s grace, compassion and love to others. Our response includes striving to be good stewards of God’s blessings. The HPUMC Permanent Endowment Funds were created to assist members in fulfilling that response.

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## What is an Endowment Fund?

An endowment fund is a permanent fund which is established now from current resources in order to provide for the future.

The endowment funds are invested for income and growth so that they will grow to meet the future needs of the church.

Only amounts equal to or less than the income of the funds, plus a portion of the growth of the invested funds, are expended on immediate needs of the church so that the principal of the funds will be preserved for the needs of future generations.

## Highland Park United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Funds

### Benevolence/Apportionment Endowment Fund

The Benevolence/Apportionment Endowment Fund was established in 1989 to help our church increase its giving to those in need and to assist in paying our church's apportionments.

Apportionments are our church's share of the financial resources needed to support and maintain missions and other needs identified and chosen by various governing bodies of the United Methodist Church.

### The Building Maintenance Endowment Fund

The Building Maintenance Endowment Fund was also established in 1989 to provide for the maintenance of our church facilities. It helps insure that our buildings and church campus maintain their beauty and are kept in good repair.

### The Strickland Memorial Endowment Fund

The Strickland Memorial Endowment Fund was established to provide for children's camping activities. It enables inner city children and youth to experience a Christ-centered summer camp. It was created after the sale of the Lake Sharon property (HPUMC's former retreat center) in 1998.

## What is Effective Giving?

Effective charitable giving is the process whereby you decide how best to make gifts in light of your overall goals.

**Giving the right amount.** It is important to give without jeopardizing your family's or your own financial well-being.

**Giving at the right time.** Tax benefits can often be achieved by carefully planning the timing of your gifts.

**Giving in the best way.** Your advisors can assist you in determining the appropriate plan of giving for you and your family.

Consistent with these goals, you may wish to consider a bequest or other deferred gift to the church in addition to your regular gifts.

## Making your Gift to the HPUMC Permanent Endowment Funds

Gifts may be made to any of the specific endowment funds in the following ways:

**By beneficiary designation on an employee benefit plan or IRA.**

**By a gift of money, securities or other property during your lifetime.**

**By a gift under your Last Will and Testament.**

**By beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy.**

**By naming an Endowment Fund as the remainder beneficiary under a charitable remainder trust.**

## Which Method for Making a Gift is Best for You?

You should consult your estate planning or tax planning professional as you consider these opportunities.

**Please feel free to call the Director of Finance and Administration at Highland Park United Methodist Church.**

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