

# Nebraska United Methodist Foundation

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation helps United Methodist churches, ministries and individuals be good stewards of the resources to which they have been entrusted. We are here to help you as a church, and as an individual, better plan for your future. Our financial services are Christ-centered, offering you many options to invest in the future of your church and make a lasting difference. From church grant opportunities to seminary scholarships and investment services, our focus is to help your church to grow and your ministry to flourish.



## Guiding Individuals

### Estate Planning & Wills

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation helps individuals with estate and gift planning at no cost and with no obligation to make a charitable gift. While we always recommend individuals visit with their attorney, accountant or other planning professional, we help individuals in the early planning stages and in the area of gift planning. We have a free planning booklet to record all your personal information and details about your final arrangements, and a free online wills planner as well.

### Endowments

An endowment fund can assure that financial support for a favorite institution or ministry will continue forever. These can be funded with lifetime gifts, an estate gift or a combination thereof. The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation can help you establish an endowment fund that will distribute annual or quarterly gifts to your church or other selected ministries within the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church. We will handle all account administration at no cost to you.

## Investments in the Future of Your Church

At the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation, we are here to help, guide and support you in building the legacy you wish to contribute to others. We will assist you in identifying ways to plan for the future and help you decide how to utilize your planned gifts to maximize their impact on others. At no cost to you, we can help you with your early stages of planned giving in the below areas:

### Donor Advised Funds

Donor-advised funds are perfect for donors who wish to take advantage of current tax laws regarding charitable gifts but are as yet unsure as to how, to whom, and in what amounts, they want to direct those gifts. Donor-advised funds allow you to make gifts to the fund at any time, receive income tax deductions during those years, and decide what, and when, charities should receive distributions.

### Named Funds

Named endowment funds through the Gifts From the Heart program provide a wonderful opportunity to honor or memorialize individuals and families whose legacies we wish to perpetuate and share for generations to come. Gifts in amounts of \$25,000 or more will support the endowment fund of the donor's choice. Distributions from these funds will be made in the name of the donors, or others to whom the donors wish to pay tribute, as designated at the time the gift is made.

### Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between you and the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation. With an irrevocable gift to the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation using cash, securities, or other assets, you will receive a fixed dollar amount from the charity for life. A charitable gift annuity gives individuals a guaranteed and attractive retirement income with no worries or responsibilities, as well as various tax benefits.

### Charitable Remainder Trusts

A charitable remainder trust is a tax-exempt irrevocable trust designed to reduce the taxable income of individuals by first dispersing income to the income beneficiaries of the trust for a specified period of time, and then gifting the remainder of the trust value to the Foundation, your church, or other designated charity.

# Helping Churches

## Investment Services

We have five funds that are actively managed by outside fund managers with varying degrees of earnings and growth potential. Unlike most other investment solutions, you have immediate access to invested funds and there is no penalty for early withdrawal. You can have as many individual accounts as you'd like. Outside of a small management fee for investment services, there is no cost for the Foundation's services.

## Endowment Funds

An endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation helps churches build endowment funds to provide additional income to maintain church buildings, generate funds for mission work or enhance other ministries. When you establish an endowment fund, you create a permanent legacy of support for your church and other ministries that you wish to support.

## Pre-Capital Campaign Planning

Our services include initial pre-capital campaign consultation to assist churches in understanding what a campaign will entail, services that consultants will provide, estimated costs, size and number of gifts required.

## Grants

Our mission is to serve as a catalyst that strengthens Nebraska United Methodist churches and ministries. Churches need financial tools and resources to develop a strong foundation and sustain growth. That's why we offer grants that provide financial assistance to start new churches. We also provide program-specific ministry grants to churches seeking funds to maximize and expand their programs and activities.

## Scholarships

We not only grow churches, but we help our pastors grow and develop too. We currently offer scholarships for undergraduate and/or seminary students who are planning to become pastors or church leaders in the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Educational Workshops & Seminars

Empower your congregation by utilizing the Foundation's educational resources, workshops and seminars. We provide pastoral education and support, stewardship and generosity sermons, endowment fund development workshops, and pre-capital campaign planning consultations, workshops and seminars.

Contact us to learn more about how  
we can help you or your church.

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