



## consider these opportunities:

- Tithe your estate. The ancient standard of 10% can do a world of good.
- Imagine that you have a child named “Charity” that will receive a portion of your estate similar to your other children or heirs.
- Name your church as the “residuary beneficiary” of your estate.
- Make a gift that will permanently endow your annual pledge to your church. (General rule: Gift amount x 5% = your annual pledge.) You may create this fund directly through your Missouri United Methodist Foundation with a gift of at least \$10,000.



### beneficiary designations

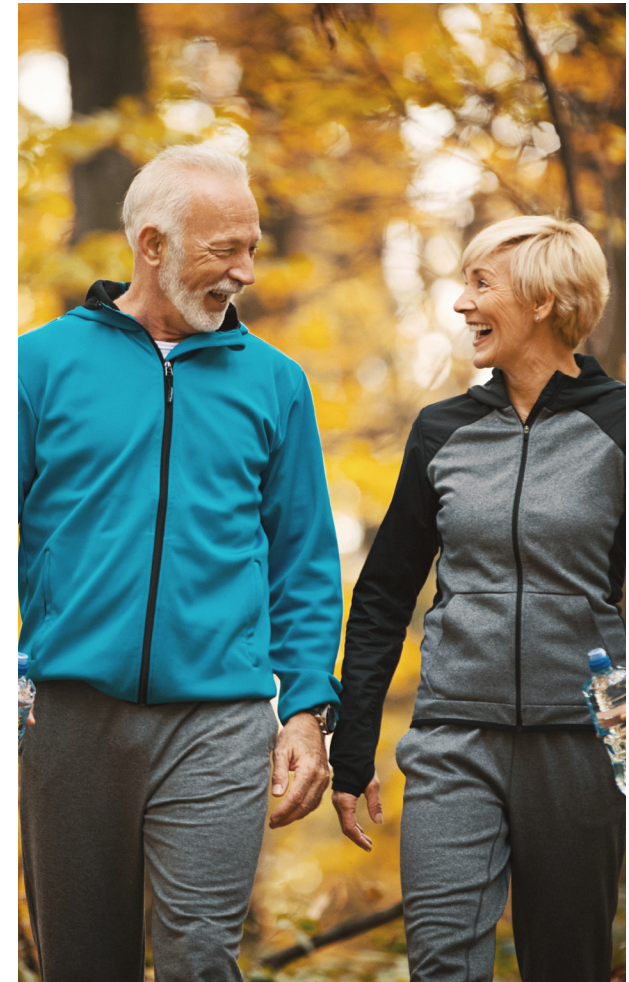
The “easy bequest.” Name your church as the beneficiary of an IRA, a qualified retirement plan, an insurance policy or other assets. There can also be tax advantages to this type of gift.

All donors should consult with their own professional advisors to ensure that an estate plan meets their unique goals and complies with all legal requirements. The foregoing material is provided for general educational and informational purposes only. The Foundation does not provide legal, financial or accounting advice.



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remember  
your church  
in your will or estate plan



## make a difference

Your gifts to your United Methodist Church support ministries that change lives and share the love of the living Christ with a world in need. With a little planning, a gift to the church through one's will or estate plan can be a meaningful testament to one's faith, an inspiration to family and friends and a force for life-changing ministry in the world.

## unrestricted gifts

Ministry is ever-changing. Your church must respond to emerging needs and new opportunities that cannot be foreseen. Unrestricted gifts afford your church maximum flexibility to be responsive and to achieve its mission.

### add a contingent beneficiary

It is often a good idea to add an alternate or Contingent Beneficiary – just in case things change!

The Foundation can be a useful Contingent Beneficiary to ensure your wishes will be followed in a changing world.



## get more information

Visit our website to get specific language to use regarding unrestricted and restricted giving.



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## restricted gifts

You may want your gift used for a particular purpose such as children's ministries or music programs. Or, you may want the church to invest the gift and only use the income (an endowment fund).



A good first step is to visit with your pastor or lay leaders. You can discuss needs, priorities, and whether the church has any existing endowments you might add to. You can also discuss creating your own special fund, either at the church or at the Foundation for the benefit of your church.

### variations

You may want to give the Church discretion to redirect the use of the gift to something else after a certain period of time or under certain circumstances. Alternatively, you can create a fund at the Foundation that may be able to follow your instructions more closely.