



ENDOW YOUR PLEDGE

A GUIDE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

SECURE YOUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

Each year, led by the Holy Spirit, you make pledges to support the ministry and mission of your local congregation. You know your donations will sustain the work of Christ in your community and the world.

It's a beautiful legacy of consistent, faithful service and sacrifice.

But one day, you won't be there to make a financial contribution. What happens to your legacy of support? What happens to your congregation?

What happens to the next generation of the faithful?

Your legacy of faithful service can live on through the Endow Your Pledge program, hosted by the Presbyterian Foundation for the benefit of the churches and ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

— Matthew 6:21

HOW IT WORKS

The Endow Your Pledge program offers church members an opportunity to make a one-time gift that is then distributed each year to the congregation in perpetuity.

- 1. The donor makes a gift of approximately 20 times their annual pledge.**
- 2. The gift is placed in a fund with the Presbyterian Foundation.**
- 3. Upon the donor's death, the fund makes an annual distribution to your congregation.**

You can use this new tool to help guarantee the sustainability and future mission of your church.

Here are more examples that may assist you.

ANNUAL PLEDGE	X 20	MINIMUM ENDOWMENT NEEDED
\$ 5,000		\$ 100,000
\$ 10,000		\$ 200,000
\$ 25,000		\$ 500,000
\$ 50,000		\$ 1,000,000

Endowing your pledge ensures that the church you love lives on long past your lifetime, and helps tell the story of your faith to future generations.

HERE'S HOW THE PROGRAM MIGHT WORK FOR YOU.

Your congregation is working with the Presbyterian Foundation to ensure the church's financial health for the future. A review of the congregation's giving patterns has found that your tithes and offerings have become essential to the church's ongoing operation. While many in the congregation give, your generosity now makes up a significant portion of total giving. The church's future could be at risk without your annual gifts.

You sit down with your pastor and a Ministry Relations Officer from the Presbyterian Foundation to talk about ways this risk could be averted. One option that appeals to you is to create an endowment that provides funds equivalent to your current pledge.

“We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.”
— John Calvin



Over the coming weeks or months, you work with the Foundation officer, your attorney, and your financial advisor to establish the endowment and fund it with the mandatory distributions from your IRA over the next five years.

You know you've made a significant impact, extending the ministry of your congregation. You even sleep a little easier at night, knowing that the choice you've made will benefit generations to come.

TALK TO US

Our ministry relations officers will work with you and your pastor to help you establish your gift for your congregation. You can easily find your Ministry Relations Officer on our website, www.PresbyterianFoundation.org, or call 800-858-6127, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Eastern). We will be glad to assist you in starting this conversation with your pastor or, if you're ready, to establish your fund.

Your generosity is a wonderful gift and your legacy, and we are grateful for each and every person who supports the ministry and mission of the PC(USA).



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