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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## ***Endow to Endure!***

“Earn all you can; Save all you can; Give all you can.”

*John Wesley, founder, Methodist Church*

As a committed Christian and GPUMC member that has enjoyed the many benefits of membership and participation in church activities, you may be wondering how to ensure that this legacy continues for future generations. However, after reviewing your budget, you don't really think that you will be able to contribute anything to make sure that this happens.

There is an answer! And the best part is, it won't cost you anything during your lifetime! Consider a gift to the GPUMC Endowment Fund upon your death. This Fund was recently established for the sole purpose of providing long term support of the church. The Fund principal is carefully and conservatively invested to provide financial stability for the long term; only the income generated by the principal is made available for use on a day to day basis.

Think it's too complicated? It doesn't have to be. Consider the following:

Examples of suggested language for a will or trust:

“I give and bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church for its Endowment Fund.”

“I give and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) of my estate (trust) to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church for its Endowment Fund.”

“I give and bequeath all or the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate (trust) to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church for its Endowment Fund.”

The above are just simple examples of gift giving; you may wish to donate stock, insurance policy proceeds, 401(k) proceeds, real estate or other assets to the Fund upon your death.

Of course, you may wish to make a gift to GPUMC other than to its Endowment Fund. Consider the following suggested language for a will or trust:

“I give and bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church without designation or restriction.”

“I give and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) of my estate (trust) to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church without designation or restriction.”

“I give and devise the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. It is my wish that such funds be used for (*insert stated purpose or specific program*) \_\_\_\_\_, if reasonably available, or, if not, as otherwise determined by the Administrative Board.”

“I give and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) of my estate (trust) to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. It is my wish that such funds be used for (*insert stated purpose of specific program*) \_\_\_\_\_, if reasonably available, or, if not, as otherwise determined by the Administrative Board.”

We always advise you to consult your attorney and financial advisor for assistance and advice in connection with your planned giving to the church. If you need more information or have questions about the Endowment Fund or other planned giving, feel free to call the church office at (313) 886-2363 and ask to speak to the Pastor or one of the Wills, Bequests and Planned Giving Committee members.

***The future of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church is in your hands! Protect our heritage!***