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Q: What is the St. John's Mission Endowment Fund?

A: It is a reserve of capital invested for growth and income. The assets of the Fund are set aside and permanently invested, so that only the interest on the principal is made available each year for funding special church programs, activities and ministries. These expenditures will be used to enhance, extend and support the present and future ministries of the Church and its religious, educational and charitable work within St. John's and in the local community and international ministries.

Q: What will be the source of funds for St. John's Mission Endowment Fund?

A: The Fund will receive gifts, memorials and bequests, including estate plan gifts to St. John's. Gifts for a specific purpose that are to be expended within a short period of time shall not be part of the Fund but will be managed by the St. John's Church Council.

Q. Will the Mission Endowment Fund be used for St. John's normal operating needs?

A: No, the Fund will not be used for normal operating expenses. The Fund is also not intended to compete with other special fund-raising appeals.

Q. How does the Fund grow and how much money will be available for expenditure from the Fund each year?

A. The Fund grows through careful investing and appreciation generated from investments. Initially up to 90% of the interest earned in the calendar year will be available for distribution. This distribution methodology may be revised by the Mission Endowment Fund Committee in future years.

Q. How will the Mission Endowment Fund's be invested?

A. Since the Fund is anticipated to have a long-term existence, it will be invested in both equities and fixed income investments. The target allocation will be 50% equities, 40% fixed income and 10% cash equivalent investments. A description of the Fund's investment strategy is contained in the Fund's Investment Policy Document.

Q. Who will administer the Mission Endowment Fund?

A. The Fund will be administered by the Fund Committee of 5 persons, consisting of a Church council member selected by the Council and four other congregation members who will be elected by the Congregation for staggered three year terms. The current Council Treasurer will serve as an advisory (ex-officio) non-voting member of the committee.

Q. What are the powers and duties of the Mission Endowment Fund's Committee?

A. The Fund's Committee will manage the Fund's investments and make decisions regarding the distribution of funds and be responsible for the development and growth of the Fund.



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Q. Why should I contribute to the Mission Endowment Fund?

A. We are a community, who knows the importance of planning and investing to assure the stability, vitality and future of our church and its outreach. Your contribution to the Fund is an expression of faith, generosity, and of gratitude for all the blessings we have received from God and St. John's Church.

Q. How can I contribute to the Mission Endowment Fund?

A. Listed below are a number of ways by which you can contribute to the Fund.

OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Cash

Some gifts to St. John's in the past have occurred when, and because, the donor had received an unexpected bequest or other financial windfall and wished to share the blessing as an endowment gift. Others have sent a check in memory of dear friends or family.

Securities

Stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares that have gained in value can be transferred to the church as is, rather than sold. You may receive an income tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the donated securities.

Life Insurance Policies

You may find that you have a fully-paid life insurance policy that once protected your family against loss of its breadwinner, but which is no longer needed for that purpose. If the fully-paid policy is given to the church, or the church is named as a beneficiary, you may receive an income tax deduction for its cash surrender value.

Real Estate

Property that has become a burden can be given to the church. A tax deduction may be allowed for its appraised value, and capital gains taxes *may* be avoided.

DEFERRED OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Last Will and Testament

A donor can designate certain assets or a percentage of their estate to the Mission Endowment Fund.

Life Insurance, Retirement Benefits

Life insurance policies, annuity contracts and retirement plans (pension, 401K, IRA's) all pay out future funds in accordance with beneficiary designations. You can name the church as a beneficiary. Planned gifts to the church may be free of income tax.

Residence with Retained Use

Your residence at the time of death will usually be an asset that could be an excellent choice for a gift to the church through your Will.



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Regarding Legal or Tax Advice

St. John's cannot give legal, financial or tax advice. We recommend that you consult with your own legal and financial advisors to learn about the specific advantages of any contribution you may consider.

For Further Information

The answers to the above questions are based on information contained in documents which explain how St. John's Mission Endowment Fund fulfills its mission of outreach and community support. Further details on specific operating guidelines and practices are available in the church office.