



Thoughts on Giving

Giving is one of life's great satisfactions, especially when you know that your gifts will improve the lives of others.

As members of UUCPA, all of us give of our time, talent, and treasure in many different ways. Whether it is volunteer work or making our annual pledge, these are the gifts that maintain the daily operation of our church.

Planned Giving

Planned giving is a different and important way to be stewards of our great liberal religious heritage. It is the act of planting the trees to provide shade for future generations. As with our other contributions, there are various ways in which one can give:

- Gifts made during one's lifetime
- Bequests included in one's will
- Annuities that provide you lifetime income

The UUCPA Endowment Fund

To encourage planned giving at our church, the Board has established an Endowment Fund to hold gifts and bequests.

Earnings from investments in the Endowment Fund can be spent, but the principal is never touched. Over a long enough period of time, the Endowment Fund can become very substantial, and can provide a large and secure source of income for our church.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR GIVING?

There are many ways to make planned gifts. Some of the most common choices are listed on the other side of this brochure.

IS THIS ONLY FOR WEALTHY PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX ESTATES?

No. Small gifts are as welcome as large gifts. All gifts are a statement of belief in our principles, and are appreciated and respected.

DO I NEED AN ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY?

You certainly need an estate plan. An estate plan can be a simple will or a complicated trust. It ensures that your assets will benefit those you care about most. Because there can be serious financial consequences, and because we cannot provide legal advice, if you have any doubts, we strongly recommend that you consult a responsible professional.

CAN I SPECIFY HOW MY GIFT GETS USED?

Yes, but ... UUCPA will welcome gifts earmarked for special purposes. Such gifts are said to be restricted. As you can understand, unrestricted gifts provide us with greater flexibility, and are preferred. But we will never decline restricted gifts that support our mission.

WHAT HAPPENS TO UNRESTRICTED GIFTS?

All unrestricted gifts are transferred to the UUCPA Endowment Fund, where they are prudently invested. The investment income can then be used for Board-approved facilities or activities that promote the long-term well being of the church.

DOES THIS OFFSET THE NEED FOR PLEDGING?

Absolutely not. The Endowment Fund can not be used for operating expenses, including regular maintenance.

WHY DO WE HAVE THESE RESTRICTIONS?

In most cases, people who make planned gifts have worked hard for what they have and want to leave a legacy. They give willingly, but want to know that their gifts will have a lasting impact. Protecting the principal and using earnings wisely will encourage generosity and promote a culture of giving within the church.

