

INCREASE YOUR INCOME

A Charitable Gift Annuity with the New Mexico Conference Methodist Foundation may help you increase your annual spendable cash, cut your current income taxes, and make a significant gift to your favorite United Methodist institution and/or congregation. The annuity rate is determined by your age at the time you create your gift annuity.

Here is a sampling of current rates and benefits for a single life gift annuity created with \$10,000 cash:

Age	Payout Rate	Annual Income	Tax-free Portion	Charitable Deduction	Effective Return Rate *
60	5.7%	\$570	\$262	\$3,691	7.5%
65	6.0%	\$600	\$299	\$4,042	8.1%
70	6.5%	\$650	\$355	\$4,353	9.0%
75	7.1%	\$710	\$423	\$4,749	10.1%
80	8.0%	\$800	\$516	\$5,147	11.7%
85	9.5%	\$950	\$671	\$5,440	14.3%
90	11.3%	\$1,130	\$845	\$5,859	17.5%

* This rate represents an equivalent, fully taxable yield in the 28% bracket calculated with the Applicable Federal Rate for September 2006. Actual numbers may be slightly different, depending on federal discount rates at the time of the annuity's creation.

Note: These rates are recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities. Rates for a two-life gift annuity are lower and are available upon request.



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Endowment for Native American Ministerial Education Impacts Lives

In 1995 the New Mexico Annual Conference approved the establishment of an endowment for Native American Ministerial Education. The fundamental purpose of the endowment is to provide resources for Native American ministry in The United Methodist Church in the New Mexico Annual Conference.

To achieve that purpose, the endowment generates funds for the training of persons whose career orientation is toward some aspect of Christian ministry through The United Methodist Church. The initial funding of the endowment was a challenge gift of \$50,000 with the understanding other gifts would be solicited in order for the endowment to reach a minimum goal of \$150,000 before distributions would be made. Generous Methodists have enabled the endowment to reach the initial goal, and grants totaling \$15,275.00 have been awarded to date.

The Reverend Paul West has served as Director of the Four Corners Native American Ministry for over 30 years. From his years of experience, he commented, "This endowment has been one of the best gifts ever given to this ministry. One student has been greatly helped, and two more are going to school this year. More are asking for training. It is a new day for the Four Corners Ministry and the future of Navajo church leadership."

Contributions to this endowment are still welcomed and will be essential to support those seeking the educational background to provide effective ministry. Additional information regarding this endowment may be obtained from the Foundation office.

The Reverend Carl Treat Memorial Sacramento Methodist Assembly Camp Scholarship Endowment Enlivens Future Generations



Reverend and Mrs. Carl Treat

The Reverend Carl Treat was a member of the New Mexico Annual Conference for nearly 35 years. Rev. Treat left a legacy of love and commitment for the Sacramento Methodist Assembly. From Carl's first time as camper in his college years and then as a camp counselor, he saw the value of the camp experience for spiritual growth along with fun and fellowship for kids of every age. Conference leaders remember fondly Carl driving a converted school bus with young people to Sacramento from as far away as Aztec, New Mexico. In celebration of his ministry and his love for Sacramento, Carl's family has established an endowment with the New Mexico Conference Methodist Foundation to make it possible for campers for generations to come to learn of God's love in the beauty and serenity of the Sacramento Methodist Assembly. This endowment will stand as a legacy to Carl Treat and his love for camping, Sacramento, and the young people who have and will participate in that important ministry.

A legacy leaves a lifetime of memories. Are there persons in your life or institutions that have been significant to you in your lifetime? The New Mexico Conference Methodist Foundation will help you honor that legacy. Call us, and we will help you set up an endowment to honor those who have made your life better. And, yes, your gift to the Carl Treat Memorial endowment will express your appreciation for Rev. Treat's ministry and perpetuate his passion for outdoor ministry at Sacramento.

Just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead (James 2:26)
A gift to your church's endowment or a favorite institution is a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in the future of your church. Please contact the New Mexico Conference Methodist Foundation for more information.

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ABOUT YOUR FOUNDATION

Board Highlight



Don Bonner

Don Bonner is an active lay person in his home congregation of First United Methodist Church of Clovis, New Mexico. Since coming onto the Board of Directors of the Foundation in 1998, Don has brought his strong background in business to the discussions and decisions made by the Board.

Don has been engaged in the formation of several new working committees of the Board. As a member of the Board Development Committee he oversees the mentoring program that connects an experienced member of the Board with each new member to support and assist in ongoing orientation. Because of the complexities of the operations of the Foundation, this connection has made a significant difference in the speed with which new Board members become acquainted with those operations. Don has also served as a member of the first Grants Committee that has focused on the development of guidelines for the initial funding of ministries through grants beyond the operations of the Foundation.

As secretary of the Board of Directors since February 2000, Don has also served as a member of the Executive Committee. The management agreement for each new fund started since that date bears his signature as one of the official signatories for the Foundation.

When asked about his willingness to serve on the Board, it is clear in the words of his voice and the twinkle of his eye that it is about the future. The development of committed patterns of giving within and beyond local churches is both vision and passion for Don. Although most will seldom see the unique gifts that Don brings to his role, all who receive services through any ministry of the Foundation are the beneficiaries of his wise counsel!

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Charitable Remainder Trust

Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) allows you to make a gift to your church or institution while retaining income for yourself or loved ones as long as you or the loved ones live. How does it work? An attorney with tax or estate-planning expertise can help you transfer property to a trust that is created. You may specify that payments from the trust be made to you or other persons for life, or for a period of 20 years, or both. At the end of the trust period, the property remaining in the trust becomes the property of the church or charitable institution you designate. You can choose multiple recipients for these residual gifts. Often they can be used to begin or enhance endowments for the church(s) or institution(s) you designate.

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Richardson of Alamogordo, New Mexico began a Charitable Remainder Unitrust in 1998. Rev. Richardson says, "The Unitrust is a good way to have a good investment. It benefits us with income now and will benefit some of our favorite United Methodist institutions and scholarships in the future."

GiftLegacy

Did You Know... Good planning requires good information? Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship, and good estate planning requires accurate and current information. By visiting our Internet site (www.amcmfgift.org), you can find helpful estate planning information that is right for you. Without a plan, an unnecessary amount of your assets may go to individuals or institutions other than those you prefer to benefit or they may go to governmental entities through taxes. We maintain up-to-date gift planning information for you to access via the Internet, at our new office, or by telephone.

We invite you to visit our web site where you will find valuable information including:

Weekly Articles

Read weekly articles on estate planning. Learn about the benefits of giving a gift to your church and receiving income tax savings from your gifts.

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Find out about changes in Washington that could affect your financial future.



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A Note from the Executive Director, Sanford Coon

THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF AN EFFECTIVE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Noted researcher and writer Herb Miller is known to most of us in Methodism. As he addressed a group of United Methodists about his findings, Miller commented:

"The leaders in a small-town congregation expressed their pride in not having stewardship campaigns of any kind like this: 'When we need the money, people always come through.'

"These leaders should have been embarrassed instead of proud. Their May Day method (S.O.S.—the ship is sinking) is not Christian stewardship; it is a bill-paying, dues paying, and fund-raising mentality that

- Blocks members from a significant spiritual growth experience
- Keeps the congregation's mission and ministry in poverty."

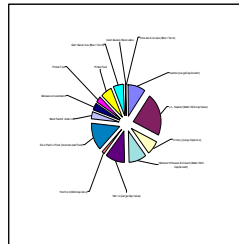
Contrary to what some contend, an annual stewardship campaign is not about raising money to underwrite the budget. It's about growing spiritually and growing in our relationship to God. When a campaign is about a budget and not about ministry, an opportunity is lost to prayerfully consider how God is at work in the individual and familial lives of the congregation. High-per-capita-giving congregations of every size have well constructed and implemented stewardship campaigns every year, and the focus of the campaign centers upon prayer and new commitment.

Particularly if your congregation struggles to have adequate income, the Foundation is ready to assist in the development of an annual campaign that is tailored to the people and culture of your church. Such a campaign emerges from a readiness to be guided by God in forming plans, preparing materials, and moving toward new levels of commitment. Interested? Contact us for further information.

Make a Tax-Free IRA Charitable Gift in 2006

Good News! With President Bush's signature on August 17, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 became law. The law contains a two-year IRA Charitable Rollover provision that will allow people age 70 1/2 or older to exclude up to \$100,000 from their gross income for a taxable year for gifts directly to their church or a qualified United Methodist institution.

For more information on these and other benefits of making an IRA rollover gift, please contact us or visit our web site at www.amcmfgift.org.



ASSET ALLOCATION AS OF June 30, 2006

MANAGER	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Loomis (Large Cap Growth)	\$ 3,281,823	9.99%
J. L. Kaplan (Small/Mid Cap Value)	\$ 7,345,072	22.35%
Victory (Large Cap Core)	\$ 2,356,890	7.17%
Wentworth Hauser & Violech (Small/Mid Cap Growth)	\$ 3,263,381	9.93%
Harris (Large Cap Value)	\$ 3,755,689	11.43%
Hartford (Mid Cap Core)	\$ 425,861	1.30%
Euro Pacific Fund (International Fund)	\$ 4,654,070	14.16%
Bond Fund of America	\$ 1,300,518	3.96%
Delaware Investments	\$ 1,167,936	3.55%
Pimco Tips	\$ 1,038,876	3.16%
Pimco Fund	\$ 2,168,923	6.60%
Gov't Securities (Short Term)	\$ 1,898,342	5.78%
Cash & Loans Receivable	\$ 178,965	0.54%
Interest Accruals (Short Term)	\$ 30,274	0.09%
TOTAL	\$ 32,866,620	100.00%



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