

Gifts to the Council on Development can be earmarked for any United Methodist purpose:

- Any one of our local churches
- Clergy Leadership Formation
- Ministers' Retirement and Healthcare Fund
- Local Church Disasters
- West Ohio Camping and Retreat Ministries
- Retired Clergy Benefits
- Ministries with the Four Global Mission Partners
- West Ohio Conference and UMCOR Advance Specials
- UMCH Family Services
- General Church organizations
- Imagine No Malaria

Gifts may also include Methodist affiliate organizations, such as:

- Seminaries
- Colleges and universities
- Hospitals
- Retirement Homes
- Other special requests

Gifts of all types and any amount are most welcome by the Council on Development. Please let us know if you have questions or need help in making your gift. If you choose to give by check please make it payable to the Council on Development and mail it to:

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West Ohio Council on Development

General Information



the mission

of the Council on Development is to equip the local church to grow generous stewards to advance the mission and vision of the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church.



Ways of Giving

There are a variety of ways in which an individual can make charitable contributions to support the mission and ministry of a local church, conference initiative and UMC organization. The Council on Development can provide assistance with the following vehicles to assist the people in your church to either make charitable gifts now or as part of their estate planning.

Cash

The most often used method to support the ministries of the church. The Council on Development gratefully receives checks in any amount for the purpose designated by the donor.

Appreciated Stocks, Bonds & Mutual Funds

Taxes on "capital gains" (the difference between the market value and original cost of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds), can be avoided when they are used as gifts through the Council on Development for a local church, conference initiative or UMC organization.

Life-Income Gifts

What an ingenious method of using one's property to benefit others while still providing for oneself. The donor has the ability to name an individual or individuals to receive income for life, and then the remaining amount goes to the ministry of the donor's choosing—local church, conference initiative, world or national missions and many more.

Estate Gifts

These may include a bequest through one's Will that allows the giver to designate a special dollar amount, specific assets, or a percentage of one's estate as their gift. Another vehicle is to name the Council on Development, West Ohio Conference (designating that the gift be distributed to the United Methodist ministry of the donor's choice) as a beneficiary of Pension Fund Assets such as IRAs or 403S.

Life Insurance

Owners of life insurance can make the Council on Development the beneficiary of a policy (and perhaps the owner), the donor designating how the proceeds shall be used—for any United Methodist agency.

Savings Bonds

Proceeds from redeemed "E", "EE", "H" and "HH" U.S. Savings Bonds have been used as gifts to various ministries of the church through the Council on Development.

Resources for your Church through the Council on Development

The Council on Development is available to assist with the following options to assist you in funding the mission and vision of your church.

Stewardship Development: More than an annual budget campaign, holistic stewardship is a lifestyle of generosity. Let us help you develop a year-round stewardship strategy.

Capital Campaigns: Is your church entering into a capital, endowment, or operational campaign? Let us help you assess your readiness and assist with vetting potential vendors.

Planned Giving Initiative: In the next 20 years \$40 trillion will transfer from the Boomer generation. Is your church prepared? Let us help you create a year-round planned giving initiative.



Endowment Fund Management

Local churches, organizations, and individuals of the West Ohio Conference have the opportunity to place endowment funds with the Council on Development for administration and accounting purposes. This program ensures that the endowments are receiving professional investment management and offers the possibility of maximizing investment returns and minimizing investment expenses. Endowments create a legacy of generosity to advance the Kingdom through the local church and/or organization.