



### How is the Endowment Fund managed?

The congregation elects five members of the Endowment Fund Committee to each serve a three-year term. In addition, the Senior Pastor, school principal, congregation president and school board chairperson are ex-officio members of the committee and are typically the people most in touch with the needs of the church and school. The role of the committee is to manage the assets of The Fund, solicit gifts for The Fund, determine how to distribute investment earnings and provide information to the congregation.

### How is the Endowment Fund different than the General Giving Fund?

The Fund was formed to encourage, receive and administer planned gifts that will have an impact beyond the life of the donor. As a long-term investment, The Fund has been designed to enhance the ministry of our church and school apart from our general budget and operational needs.

Gifts made to The Fund are added to existing funds and are smartly invested to generate income for future distributions. Only the investment earnings may be distributed, leaving the original principle intact in perpetuity and cannot be spent. This model is an ideal way to create and support a sustaining ministry for our community and is widely used by Lutheran churches throughout America.

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# Red Hill Lutheran Church and School ENDOWMENT FUND



Building a legacy for the continuation  
of Christ's ministry in our community.

## What is the Red Hill Lutheran Church & School Endowment Fund?

The Fund was established in 2000 and allows for continued Christian stewardship beyond one's lifetime. The Fund is an accumulation of many gifts, large and small, contributed by those interested in the purpose, vision and mission of Red Hill Lutheran Church and School.

**Purpose – Know Christ, make Christ known**

**Vision – Make Christ-centered, emotionally healthy disciples of Jesus Christ, one life at a time**

**Mission - Reach and serve our local community, equip their hearts, minds and souls, and release them into the world to share God's love.**



**"As each of you have received a gift, use it in service one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
- 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)**

## How are the earnings of the Endowment Fund distributed?

The Fund has been structured to support the timely needs and missions of our Church and School. Examples include:

- Scholarship grants to church members entering the ministry or full-time parish work
- Scholarship grants to RHLS students who are attending a Lutheran High School
- Youth and music ministries
- Further the mission of the church and school, including capital improvements to the campus

Gifts made to the Fund may be specifically directed to support one or more of these missions of the Church and School.

## What are the ways to give?

There are many ways to give depending on your desires and financial resources. The most common methods include:

### Special Occasion / Memorial Gifts

Gifts may be given in honor of, or in memory of, friends and loved ones – or in celebration of a special event such as a birthday or anniversary.

### Direct Gifts

A gift of cash, appreciated stocks & bonds, real estate or personal property may be given outright.

### Bequest in a Will

Through a will, a person may make a gift of a specific asset, a percent of the estate, or a stated dollar amount.

## Gift Annuity Agreements

A gift of money or property to The Fund can pay the donor income for the rest of his or her life – with the remainder going to the Endowment Fund.

## Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance is achieved by making The Fund the full or partial beneficiary of the policy.

## Are gifts tax deductible?

Yes. Gifts to The Fund will be used for religious, charitable and educational purposes according to the Internal Revenue Service Code.

Tax benefits from gifts of equities and property whose current market value significantly exceeds the cost basis may provide additional tax benefits. Please consult your tax advisor or legal investment consultant to ensure you maximize your tax benefits.

Neither Red Hill Lutheran Church or School, nor the members of The Fund are qualified to give advice in these matters.

*20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
- Matthew 6:20-21*

## Where should I start?

Join others who have included Red Hill Lutheran Church and School in their financial planning by discussing your options with family members, financial advisors and members of the Endowment Committee. Contact us at [endowment@redhillchurch.org](mailto:endowment@redhillchurch.org) or the church office (714-544-3131) can help coordinate a call.