

What Does the Permanent Fund Do?

The Permanent Fund of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bloomington, IL consists of all funds placed into a permanent endowment, the proceeds of which are used by the church to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ in the world, serving human needs in our community and around the world. The Permanent Fund is not intended to compete with the regular annual giving of members, nor to diminish the opportunities for responsible stewardship by present or future members.

A. Designated Gifts

The congregation understands and acknowledges that any donor instructions as to the use of bequests or other gifts are binding when the congregation accepts the gift. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, designated gifts are allocated to the Permanent Fund. After a gift is accepted, specific donor instructions supersede any policies that the congregation may have, and those donor instructions must be retained and honored in perpetuity for designated endowment gifts. All funds designated for the Permanent Fund shall be considered permanent and therefore only the interest earned on these funds may be spent.

Expenditures from the annual withdrawal of interest earned on designated gifts will be according to the donor's instructions. These funds will not be considered as part of the regular budget expenditure.

B. Undesignated Gifts

Undesignated gifts, including but not limited to bequests, the residual value of charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities, real estate and life

insurance shall be distributed by the Trustees. All such assets not designated by the Trustees for capital reserve, capital expenditures, debt reduction or retirement or extraordinary support of the operating budget shall be allocated to the Permanent Fund.

Each year, interest earned will be expended for ministry. The amount to be expended annually shall be an annual withdrawal of 4% of the market value of the Permanent Fund's investment portfolio. This percentage amount shall be reviewed periodically to determine that the buying power of the endowment is being preserved.

Expenditures from the annual withdrawal of interest earned on unrestricted permanent funds will be as follows:

1. 10% will be designated for outreach causes and transferred to the Outreach Ministry for expenditure. These funds will not be considered as part of the regular budget expenditure for outreach causes. The Outreach Ministry will report to the Church Board concerning these expenditures.
2. 90% will be allocated according to the recommendation of the Stewardship and Finance Ministry with the confirmation of the Church Board. These funds may be considered as part of the regular budget expenditure for designated purposes. However, support to the operational budget may never represent an amount greater than 20% of the total operational budget.

The Permanent Fund of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bloomington, IL shall be managed by the Trustees of the church, elected by the congregation. The senior minister and chair of the board of the congregation will be ex-officio members without vote.

I'd Like to Learn More About How I Can Participate in the Permanent Fund of First Christian Church

- Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for the Permanent Fund of First Christian Church.
- I have already made provision for a gift through my personal will.
- I would like more information about ways to give through:
 - A Will
 - A Gift Annuity (which pays me income for life)
 - Other Planned Giving Instrument

Name

Address

City State ZIP

Telephone

For more information or a copy of the Permanent Fund policy, write or call:

First Christian Church
401 W. Jefferson St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-829-9327

Planned Giving

The Charitable Gift Annuity is a great example of how a gift generates income for the donor. This is actually a contract between a donor and a charity that is part gift and part annuity. In addition to the annuity payment, the donor receives a charitable income tax deduction and a portion of each annuity payment may be tax-free. At death, the residual goes to the beneficiary(ies) identified by the donor.

The Deferred Payment Gift Annuity, in which annuity payments are delayed for a number of years, offers rates that make it an attractive supplement to retirement income.

The Charitable Remainder Trust is perhaps the most versatile charitable giving tool. With the CRT, it is possible to bypass capital gains tax on the sale of highly appreciated assets, generate an increase in income, receive an attractive charitable income tax deduction, and fulfill your philanthropic objectives. The CRT is a legal trust that can be constructed to produce a predictable annuity payment each year or take advantage of investment growth opportunities with income payments based upon a growing trust principal.

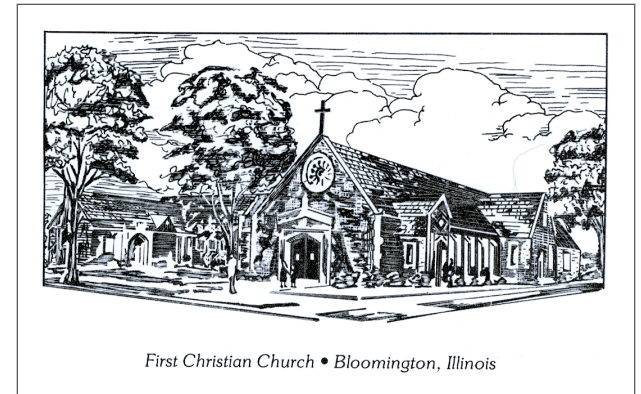
Individual Retirement Accounts make excellent gifts, simply by naming the church as the beneficiary. IRAs are heavily taxed at death, meaning heirs often receive a much smaller percentage of the residual than the account owner would suspect. By giving the IRA to the church and giving other assets to heirs, less money is consumed in taxes.

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When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us."

----Deuteronomy 26:1-3 (NIV)

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