

## **Basics of Endowment Management**

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### What is the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF)?

#### Overview:

- Independent and lay-led foundation
- ECF's mission is to strengthen the <u>leadership</u> and <u>financial</u> capabilities of Episcopal congregations, dioceses, and other institutions
- ECF carries out this mission through a wide array of programs including...

#### **Leadership Resources**

- ECF Vital Practices (ecfvp.org)
- Vestry Resource Guide
- Fellowship Partners Program
- Educational Events
- Vital Teams



#### **Financial Resources**

- Capital Campaigns
- Planned Giving
- Endowment Management
- Annual Giving/Development



# **Principles of Endowment Management**

### Why Endowments Matter:

- Respect for the past, vision for the future
- The sin of not having one
- The joy of doing it right





# **Four Core Principles**

(and the tragedy of doing it wrong)

- 1. Purpose
- 2. Perpetuity
- 3. Prudent Investing
- 4. Prudent Spending



### **Endowments**

#### What It is

Long-term invested fund with restrictions True endowment (donor designated) Quasi endowment (board designated)

#### What it is not

Reserve funds Collection of Trusts Invested Funds



Why have an endowment to begin with?



# What an Endowment is NOT for

- To plug holes in the annual operating budget
- A savings account for future emergencies
- Self-preservation

# What an endowment IS for

- To support ministries beyond the annual operating budget
- To be an "opportunity" fund
- To provide donors with a trustworthy place to leave legacy gifts



# Why Endowments don't grow

- Lack of Structure
- Outdated Structure
- Lack of Trust
- Unclear Purposes
- No one asked (Planned Giving)





# Why is Structure so Important

- Fiduciary Responsibility
- Clarity of Purpose
- Clarity of Process





### **Policies Needed**

# **Enabling Resolution Operating Policies**

Investment Policy Statement Disposition of Bequest Policy Designated Gift Policy Spending Rule Gift Acceptance Policies



Other start-up considerations Reserve Funds Record Keeping

# **Key Operating Principles**

- Understanding True vs. Quasi Endowments
- Investing as one; spending as two
- Protecting the corpus (spending power)
- Understanding UPMIFA (Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act)

# How UPMIFA Applies to Churches

- Applies to donor-restricted funds
- Rescinds "historic dollar value"
- Removes "income only" restraints
- Defines what "prudent" means
- Can be used to guide management of both restricted and unrestricted funds



### Spending from the Endowment

- Total Return Spending Policy
- Setting a Reasonable Draw
- Long-Term Asset Class Forecasts
- Preserving Spending Power



# St. Swithin's, Swampland – Total Return Calculation

Three-Year Average & Annual Draw Percentage

| General Endowment Draw for 2010 |            |            |            |                |          |          |  |  |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------|----------|--|--|
|                                 | 12/31/2007 | 12/31/2008 | 12/31/2009 | 3-Year Average | 4% draw  | 3% draw  |  |  |
|                                 | 199,276.10 | 132,274.14 | 164,043.76 | 165,198,00     | 6,607,92 | 4,955.94 |  |  |
| General Endowment Draw for 2011 |            |            |            |                |          |          |  |  |
|                                 | 12/31/2008 | 12/31/2009 | 12/31/2010 | 3-Year Average | 4% draw  | 3% draw  |  |  |
|                                 | 132,274,14 | 164,043.76 | 186,951.92 | 161,089.94     | 6,443.59 | 4,832.69 |  |  |
| General Endowment Draw for 2012 |            |            |            |                |          |          |  |  |
|                                 | 12/31/2009 | 12/31/2010 | 12/31/2011 | 3-Year Average | 4% draw  | 3% draw  |  |  |
|                                 | 164,043.76 | 186,951.92 | 177,421.89 | 176,139.19     | 7,045.56 | 5,284.17 |  |  |
| General Endowment Draw for 2013 |            |            |            |                |          |          |  |  |
|                                 | 12/31/2010 | 12/31/2011 | 12/31/2012 | 3-Year Average | 4% draw  | 3% draw  |  |  |
|                                 | 186,126.73 | 177,421.89 | 220,248.28 | 194,598.89     | 7,783.95 | 5,837.96 |  |  |
| General Endowment Draw for 2014 |            |            |            |                |          |          |  |  |
|                                 | 12/31/2011 | 12/31/2012 | 12/31/2013 | 3-Year Average | 4% draw  | 3% draw  |  |  |
|                                 | 177,421.89 | 220,348.28 | 268,088.57 | 221,952.91     | 8,878.81 | 6,658.58 |  |  |

### **Spending Rule Calculation**

Here is a simple calculation we use to help endowment boards think through the implications of spending rules.

| • | Spending Rate | 5% | 4% | 3% |
|---|---------------|----|----|----|
| • | Inflation     | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| • | Fees          | 1% | 1% | 1% |
|   |               |    |    | _  |
|   |               | 8% | 7% | 6% |





# **Investing the Endowment**

### **Investment Options**

- → Bank/Brokerage House
- → Diocesan Investment Trust
- → Episcopal Church Foundation

#### What to Look For

Diversification of assets Solid performance measured against benchmarks

Reporting Service Fees





### **Effective Communications**

Keep good records
Honor donor's wishes
Explain the concept, share details
Tell what the endowment has done
Explain how to give
Thank your donors



# **Growing Your Endowment**

- Build a well-ordered structure
- Use the money
- Communicate
- Say thanks



# **Recorded Webinars to Empower** your Leaders

- Basics of Planned Giving for Parish Leaders
- Basics of Endowment Management for Parish Leaders
- · Prospective Donors of Planned Gifts
- Basics of a Capital Campaign
- Annual Stewardship (in Spanish as well)
- Vestry Leadership 101

For links to recordings visit: www.ecfvp.org





## **Upcoming ECF Webinars**

- · Communicating Stewardship Year-Round
  - October 21, 2014- 7pm-8pm EDT
- Using the ECF PG Roadmap (PG Shepherds only)
  - October 22, 2014, 7:00-8:00 PM EDT
- Planificación estratégica para las feligresías
  - October 28, 2014- 7pm-8pm EDT
- · Preparing for a Diocesan Campaign
  - November 5, 2014, 1pm-2pm EST
- · Volunteer Ministry
  - November 13, 2014, 7pm-8pm EST
- Hybrid Faith Formation featuring VTS' Kyle Matthew Oliver
  - December 9, 2014, 7pm-8pm EST

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