



Live Your Faith

To make a one-time gift to the Rocky Mountain District Endowment Fund by check, make the check payable to the Rocky Mountain District Endowment Fund.

If you would like to remember the endowment in your will or gift plan, the LCMS Foundation (our partner in ministry), provides professional charitable giving expertise and confidential service at no cost. You will receive professional assistance from Jason Jones, our gift planning counselor, as well as attorneys, accountants and investment professionals who can assist you with maximizing gifts while minimizing taxes.

Gifts can be made in many forms:

- Cash/Check
- Tangible personal property
- Marketable securities
- Stocks
- Bonds
- Life insurance
- Charitable gift annuities
- Real estate

Let's talk about how we can help

For support and information on how to arrange a gift plan in the most effective way, contact me today.



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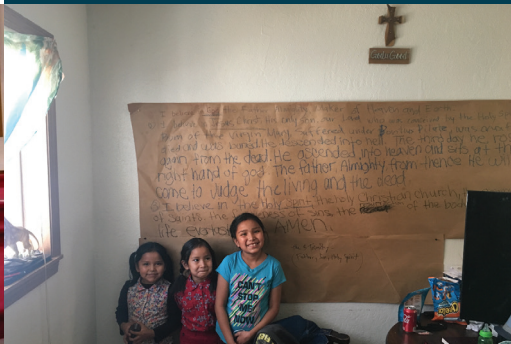
GIFT PLANNING FOR YOUR FAMILY & MINISTRY

Providing ministry resources
for the next generation

Rocky Mountain Distict Endowment Fund



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INVESTMENT SERVICES FOR LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



The Rocky Mountain District of The LCMS joyfully resources congregations, schools, and early childhood education centers in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas and several congregations in Nebraska and Arizona.

Our District Focus summarizes the work of our congregations, schools, early childhood centers, and members:

- *Know the Truth*
- *Understand the Culture*
- *Live the Faith*

The truths of God’s Word, centered on the crucified and risen Christ, are proclaimed and taught. This unchanging gospel brings new life, peace, joy and hope to people in an ever changing culture!

In joyful response to God’s gifts, we live out our faith by loving and serving our neighbor.

Your gift to the Rocky Mountain District Endowment Fund will allow for creative new ventures of Christian mission that will benefit this generation and generations to come!



PRESIDENT ROGER SCHLECHTE

How Do We Use Our Endowment?

The Rocky Mountain District Endowment Fund has been established to support the mission and vision of the District in order to advance the Kingdom of God.

The annual interest generated by the Fund may be designated for the uses, projects, and programs approved by the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors, consistent with the mission and vision of the District.

The Fund’s primary purpose, as determined by the Board of Directors, will be to finance “gospel gap ministry” as adopted by the Rocky Mountain District in its 2012 Convention. Operating under this model, circuits collaborate to identify ministry gaps to reach the unchurched or underserved populations within their respective circuits. In some occasions, a circuit may see the need to prevent the loss of a ministry, which would then produce a gospel gap.

As circuit congregations share costs, the circuit may determine that funds within the circuit are inadequate to launch an initiative. In that case, an application may be made to the District to assist with funding. The Endowment Fund will be a source to help fund “gospel gap ministry.”

How Does An Endowment Work?

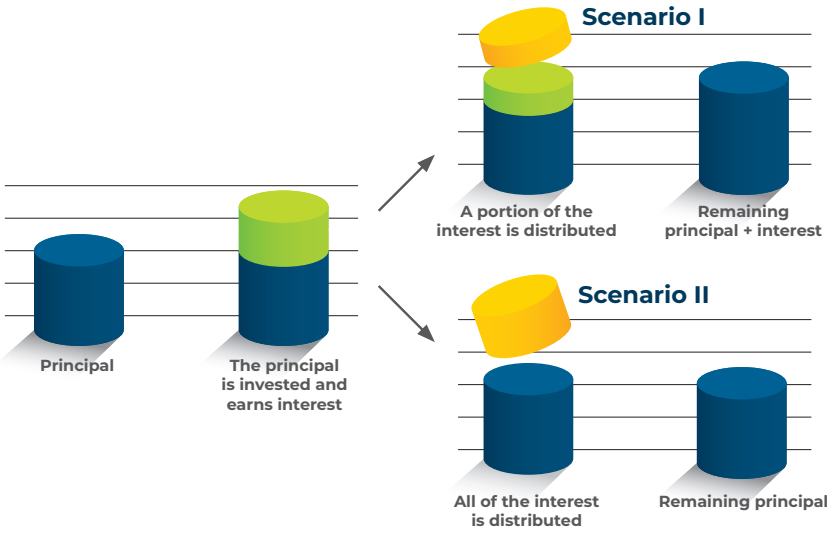
Endowment funds are a great tool for growing the gifts of God’s people. Donations to an endowment are invested in order that the fund may grow and strengthen ministry for generations to come.

The fund is governed by investment, withdrawal and usage policies so that gifts might grow the fund and be used according to the expectations of the donor. The LCMS Foundation helps manage

An endowment is an opportunity to provide an ongoing and reliable source of funding for a cherished ministry.

the District’s endowment fund, giving us access to wise guidance and the type of highly-active, highly-attentive investment services usually only reserved for large companies.

One time gifts can be given to the endowment and might commemorate a special time or person in the life of a giver. Planned gifts may spread payments out over several years, either during your life or from your estate after you’re called home to heaven.



All gifts are carefully invested and wisely managed in order to generate annual income. When the principal earns interest, a portion or all of the interest may be distributed to fulfill the purpose of the Endowment Fund. The other portion of the interest is added to the principal, allowing it to continue growing and earning indefinitely. No more than four percent of the principal may be used in any given year. Use of the principal requires approval of the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors.

How Are Funds Managed?

The LCMS Foundation manages the investment side of the Rocky Mountain District Endowment Fund. The District’s Board of Directors adopts policies with regard to acceptance of gifts, the distribution and spending of assets within the Fund.

How Are Funds Invested?

The LCMS Foundation, the Synod’s long-term investment entity, is responsible for investment of funds.