



## Dakotas United Methodist Foundation

*Multiplying Your Gifts for the Kingdom of God*

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Faithful partners on the journey. 

### *Services of the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation*

- Matching Grants - \$500/\$1,000 Ministry Development Matching Grants – August 1 deadline.  
\$250/\$500 Bremer Mission Matching Grants, any mission local to global – February 1 deadline.
- Endowment Committee - We have a *Planned Giving Handbook* that outlines step by step, how to establish this committee and prompt members to support the church long-term. We offer planning assistance to churches interested in establishing this committee.
- Workshops
  - \* Stewardship – helping people expand view of stewardship, focusing on blessings to give, programs
  - \* “Other Ways to Give” – that we all have assets outside our checkbooks (wills, stocks, land, ...)
  - \* Wills/Estate Planning – considering leaving a legacy – panel along with attorney and financial planner
- Website ([www.DakotasUMF.org](http://www.DakotasUMF.org)) with quarterly bulletin inserts, links to stewardship and ministry sites. Newsletter with donor recognition and information on stewardship.
- Investment Accounts  
We follow the *Social Investing Principles of the United Methodist Church* so our funds also make a Christian witness. We have three investment options—the **Balanced Fund** (50%/50% – Equity/Fixed Income), **Growth Fund** (70%/30%–Equity/Fixed), **Short Term Bond Fund** (functions like a CD). Investment Accounts DO NOT become part of our endowment and, after one year, any or all of the investment may be removed. Our funds are managed by 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Wealth Management.
- Charitable Gift Annuities – a gift that pays you back. In return for a gift we pay a percentage back to the donor, based on their age. They receive tax benefits, much of the payment is tax-free, and the donor designates a beneficiary – which could be your local church.
- Named Endowments - A percentage from that endowment is returned to your church and/or ministry in the donor’s name every year. Churches and individuals set up to support building maintenance, mission trips, camp scholarships, cemetery care, or an undesignated gift for your church. Provides a way for families to be remembered and support your local church in perpetuity.
- Endowment funds to support the ministries of the Dakotas Annual Conference – missions, pensions, Camps, scholarships for seminary/students, Congregational Development, Dakota Wesleyan University, Open Door Community Center, SDSU Campus Ministry, Archives & History, retirement centers
- Specific endowments to support mission trips, accessibility issues, others.
- Consultation with church committees, donors, or pastors.
- Free brochures on *Better Estate Planning, How to Make a Will that Works, Giving Securities, Giving Real Estate, Giving through Charitable Remainder Trusts*