

## How can I get more information about the fund?

You are encouraged to contact the Pacifica Synod office for more information and answers to your specific questions through the information shown on the front of the brochure. You may also be interested in reviewing the fund's Gift Acceptance Policies, Investment Policies and Disbursement Policies.

At your request a committee member will confer with you about making a gift or bequest to the fund. Donors are encouraged to consult their attorneys when preparing or amending their wills or estate plans.

Your gift to the New Mission Endowment Fund is a gift to the future of the Church. It fulfills, in part, your opportunity as a Christian to respond to God's gifts to you.

## Can I make my gift in memory of someone?

Gifts of any kind can be made in memory of or on honor of some.

## Who administers the fund?

The Endowment Committee, elected by the Synod Assembly, administers the fund and is under oversight of the Synod Council.

"Intimately connected with the heart of the Gospel of God's saving grace is Jesus' call that we share that Good News to the ends of the earth. New mission congregations consistently have been one of the Holy Spirit's best means of bringing people into the Christian faith and Church. The mission fields within the territory of the Pacifica Synod are plentiful and abundant with people and needs. There is wonderful opportunity for planting and sowing the message of God's love, and the Spirit will bring many to Christ. Partnering and striving together, we are able to do that which we could not do alone. This fund, when generously supported, will allow new ministries to be developed and will fulfill Jesus' commission. More will know Christ. His Word will be shared, and his Church will grow and thrive."



**Bishop Murray D. Finck**  
Pacifica Synod



## New Mission Development

## Endowment Fund



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*A Gift to the Future*

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## What is the purpose of the New Mission Endowment Fund?

It's purpose shall be to receive gifts and bequests to be used for the new mission outreach of the Pacifica Synod-ELCA. The fund exists separate and distinct from the annual operating budget of the Synod. The fund is also for the future of new mission outreach. The fund was created to build a solid foundation within the Pacifica Synod.

## How will the fund's assets be used?

It's assets will be applied to the development and expansion of new missions within the Pacifica Synod.

## Are there tax advantages to giving to the fund?

There are tax advantages to making a gift to the fund. The advantages that donors enjoy may depend on the amount and nature of the gift. Donors are encouraged to consult with their personal accountant or tax advisor.

## What are the Benefits?

- Create a lasting legacy that allows you to express your faith.
- Avoid capital gains by gifting an appreciated asset.
- Reduce estate taxes equals more dollars going to your heirs.
- Immediate charitable deductions.
- Create a possible increase in income to you and your family.
- Reduce assets subject to probate.

## How do I make a gift to the fund?

The fund is able to receive many forms of gifts and bequests involving almost any kind of asset. A few of the more common ways to give are:

- **Cash.** Gifts can be made at one time or on a periodic basis.
- **Stocks, bonds and other securities.** Gifts of appreciated stocks and bonds (including U.S. Savings Bonds) often provide significant tax advantages for the donor.
- **Tangible personal property.** Gifts of saleable personal property could include artwork, jewelry and coin collections.

- **Trusts.** Through a trust you may give to the fund during your lifetime or upon your death.
- **Real Estate.** Gifts could include homes or remainder interests in real property.
- **Wills.** You may make a gift to the fund of any property through your will. This permits you to specify the nature and extent of a gift that will be made upon your death. Without a will, the State will determine how your assets are distributed.
- **Life insurance policies.** Donors may purchase a new policy or donate an existing policy with the fund as owner or beneficiary.
- **Retirement plans, IRAs, 401(k)s.** The fund's committee will be happy to assist donors with any necessary paperwork.
- **Charitable remainder trusts.** Substantial gifts can be made to the fund in trust and the donor receives annual cash payments from the trust assets.
- **Charitable gift annuity.** Donors can create an annuity to provide regular income payments through a sizable gift to the fund.