

## Endowment Funds Policy of the POC

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### THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS POLICY OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO

**Article 1. Objective of the Endowment Funds:** The Presbytery of Chicago Endowment Funds exist to encourage Presbyterians to advance the Kingdom of God on earth through gifts, devises, or bequests. This policy is created to provide guidance for the use of these funds and all future funds the Presbytery may choose to establish.

**Article 2. Categories of Endowed Gifts:** The types of gifts that have resulted in the establishment of endowment funds, will establish new funds, and will increase existing funds are:

1. Memorial gifts;
2. Gifts, devises and bequests without restrictions;
3. Gifts, devises and bequests with acceptable restrictions;
4. Existing or future restricted or unrestricted gifts, devises, and bequests that are consolidated into different categories of the Funds stated in Article 4.

**Article 3. Acceptance of gifts, devises, and bequests:** The Business Affairs Committee will determine whether gifts are acceptable to the Presbytery. If gifts are deemed unacceptable by the Business Affairs Committee, this recommendation will be forwarded to the Financial Development Cabinet, whose responsibility will be to either renegotiate the gift or to respectfully decline it.

**Article 4. Investment of the gifts, devises, and bequests:** Gifts, devises, and bequests from the members and friends of the Presbytery will be categorized into one or more of the following categories of specific funds:

1. Memorial Funds - Separate memorial funds established and named after designated person(s) upon approval of the Presbytery
2. Special Purpose Funds - Separate funds with specific objectives established and given distinct names to effect the intentions of the donors, or other persons, upon approval of the Presbytery
3. General Endowment Fund - the Presbytery will put gifts, devises, and bequests without any restrictions into this fund

Gifts of cash or property other than cash will be allocated into any one or more of the different categories of Funds stated in the preceding paragraph and any property other than cash may be retained in its existing form, sold, or reinvested consistent with Presbytery's Investment Policy.

**Article 5. The Management of the Endowment Funds:** The Presbytery of Chicago Endowment Funds shall be managed by the Presbytery's Business Affairs Committee according to its investment policy. In addition, it will follow the following general guidelines:

1. Assign all gifts, devises and bequests into one or more of the specific Funds stated in Article 4.
2. Administer specific Funds so that the intent of the donors or the specific Funds are carried out.
3. Assign gifts, devises and bequests without any restrictions into the General Endowment Fund upon approval of General Council. Manage, preserve and invest the General Endowment Fund to accumulate and increase the capital base thereof.

**Article 6. Use of the Endowment Funds:** General Council, upon recommendation of Business Affairs Committee, will annually give responsibility for using the return earned by a restricted endowment fund to a unit of the Presbytery. The units of Chicago Presbytery, that have been given authority to use the return earned by a restricted endowment fund, will be limited to using an appropriate percent of the endowment fund's value as determined each year by the Presbytery upon a recommendation by the Business Affairs Committee.

General Council will determine the usage of the return earned by the unrestricted endowment fund.

**Article 7. Restrictions on the Principal:** Use of the original Principal of the Presbytery's Endowment Funds can only occur if there are no restrictions on the funds from the donor(s) and the unit interested in using the principal receives approval for such usage from the General Council and the Presbytery.

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**Article 8. Financial Development Cabinet's Planned Giving Responsibilities:** The Financial Development Cabinet shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Acquaint the Presbytery members with the Presbytery's Endowment Funds
2. Promote gifts, devises, and bequests to the Presbytery's Endowment Funds
3. Encourage friends of the Presbytery to consider making a planned gift to further the mission of Jesus Christ through the ministry of Chicago Presbytery.

**Article 9. Presbytery Consolidation, Merger, or Dissolution:** If at any time the Presbytery of Chicago should lawfully merge or consolidate with any other governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), all the provisions hereof in respect to the Presbytery shall be deemed to have been made for and on behalf of such merged or consolidated body, which shall be entitled to receive all of the benefits of the Endowment Funds and shall be obligated to administer the same in all respects in accordance with the terms hereof. In the event of the dissolution of the Presbytery, the Synod of Lincoln Trails shall be entitled to the benefits and obligated to administer the Endowment Funds in similar fashion.

**Article 10. Compliance with the Internal Revenue Regulations:** The Presbytery of Chicago is a charitable institution; therefore, all gifts, devises, and bequests to the Presbytery will be deductible to the extent they are allowed under IRS regulations. The Presbytery will properly acknowledge all gifts.

**Article 11. Amendment Procedure:** This policy may be amended by the Presbytery provided its members are notified of the proposed amendment in writing at least two weeks prior to the Presbytery meeting where the amendment is to be acted on. The amendment shall require approval by a majority of the Presbytery members in attendance.

Amendments shall not affect the gifts, devises, and bequests already in the Funds prior to the amendments. All endowment gifts to the Presbytery shall be administered according to the Endowment Funds Policy in effect at the time the gift is received.

**MOTION:** It is moved that this Endowment Funds Policy be adopted by the Presbytery of Chicago at its regular meeting on the 13th day of October, 1998. The motion to approve the Endowment Funds Policy is made by the Financial Development Cabinet and the General Council.

Adopted on the thirteenth day of October, 1998.

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