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We are happy to announce that a new endowment fund has been established at Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. The fund, titled Lay Ministries Fund, is the vision of the Commission on Laity. The Commission voted to establish the endowment as a way to provide funds to meet the need for offering education, resources, skilled leaders and providing spiritual growth opportunities for laity. It is not intended for formal education of ministers, but rather for general benefit of all persons involved in serving the church.

Gifts to honor Rev. Marsha Bishop at her retirement are being directed to this fund. With additional donations, we anticipate the fund growing to the minimum amount of \$10,000 before to long. Until that time interest will be reinvested in the fund. After that income will be distributed to the Regional Church; restricted for use of the Commission.

Toni Imbler put it best - "The Commission on Laity envisions a faith community where persons are spiritually renewed and empowered as they serve the church in various ways." We will send out more details as the fund grows, but if you are interested in this ministry please send your gift to the foundation, marked Lay Ministries Fund.



## The Old, Old Story

In his recent review of The Da Vinci Code, Jason Byassee pans everything – the book, the movie, and the reviewers who fall over each other trying to state what is "the truth". After laying it all out Byassee suggests it would be better to spend time with living, breathing Christians who know there is no secret narrative hidden in Christian scripture or art that Christians are trying to keep from the world.

Byassee continues by adding, all we have is "the old, old story of Jesus and his love," and of the difficult things he calls his followers to do. The truth of "the old, old story of Jesus and his love" and what it means to follow him came afresh in a recent conversation with a 20 year old. My young friend has been to the bottom, knows truly how tough life can be, and has now found Jesus as his savior. His comment on The Da Vinci Code, and all the fuss surrounding it, hit the nail on the head; "if this movie upsets people then they don't know what their faith is."

Nothing warms the heart of this old preacher more than a "living, breathing Christian" who knows what he/she believes and why. That person's eyes light up, a radiant smile spreads across the face, their step is lighter, you can actually hear them humming or tapping their feet, AND they make the best evangelists. They are truly following what Jesus said and did. They can talk about sin and grace. They are not interested in creating heroes or villains. They know deep in their bones about Christians being sinners and enemies being prayed for – because they have been on both sides of that coin.

"The old, old story of Jesus and his love" must be proclaimed today and tomorrow. The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation is providing the means (financially) for that to happen through the 44 endowment funds we manage for the ministries those funds undergird. The Church of Jesus Christ needs "living, breathing Christians" and we are here to help. Call us 888-525-6530 or email me [kvm Maxwell@okdisciplesfoundation.org](mailto:kvm Maxwell@okdisciplesfoundation.org).

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30	Kyle preaching at Crown Heights CC
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## Foundation FAQ's

### How does a Charitable Gift Annuity work?

Mr. and Mrs. White have been saving for several years and are no longer satisfied with the return on a savings account and CD. They need income from their money and want to make a gift to a ministry important to them both. What options are open to them? The most common would be a charitable gift annuity.

Oklahoma Disciples Foundation annuities allow people to make a gift to Disciples ministries, receive a fixed amount for their lifetime, and if desired, one other beneficiary's lifetime. Income is based on the age of the annuitant, the current gift annuity rate and the value of the gift. The annuitant would receive a tax deduction for a portion of the value of the gift. A portion of the income would be considered tax-free return of principal.

After several discussions, the Whites decide to set up an annuity with \$10,000 cash. Both of them will be beneficiaries. Joe is 88 years old and Betty is 87. Their annuity rate is 8.7% which translates to annual payments of \$870. For the next seven years, \$669 of the payments are tax free return of principal. The income tax deduction is \$4984 which they may be able to spread out over the next five years.

When the last beneficiary dies, Oklahoma Disciples Foundation would receive the remainder of the annuity. The foundation would then distribute it to the endowment funds the Whites specified when they set up the annuity.

This may sound clear cut and easy but there are several questions to be answered and options to look at. Do I want to use cash, stock or other assets for my annuity? Can I afford to do a deferred annuity which would give me a better rate but payments wouldn't start for a few years? What ministry should receive the remainder of the gift? Could I start a new endowment with it? Should my spouse and I get separate annuities or a two-life annuity?

Kyle Maxwell, Executive Director of the Foundation would be happy to visit with you and further discuss your options. You can call 405.525.6530 or email kvmaxwell@okdisciplesfoundation.org to set up an appointment.

### Rates for Charitable Gift Annuities from July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

65	6.0%
66	6.1
67	6.2
68	6.3
69	6.4
70	6.5
71	6.6
72	6.7
73	6.8
74	6.9
75	7.1
76	7.2
77	7.4
78	7.6
79	7.8
80	8.0
81	8.3
82	8.5
83	8.8
84	9.2
85	9.5
86	9.9
87	10.2
88	10.6
89	11.0
90 and over	11.3