

What is Oklahoma Disciples Foundation? What is the Foundation's Significance to You?

Oklahoma Disciples Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is:

... to sustain an enduring financial basis for Christ's ministry through the prudent investment of funds to ensure a legacy of Christian principles and institutions.

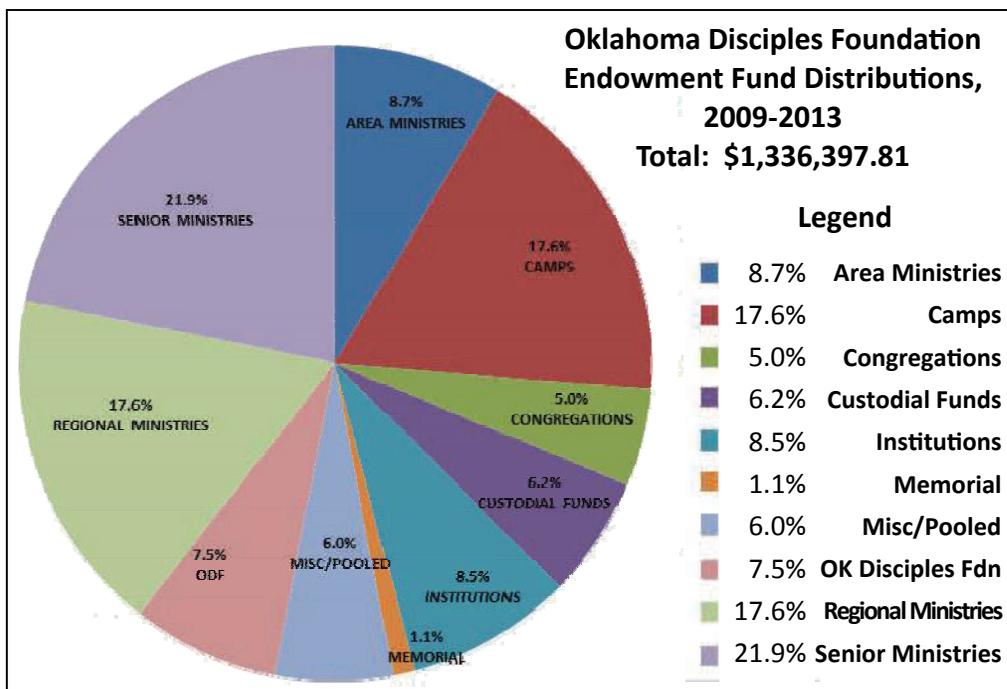
Legacy is a key concept of the mission. Named endowments form the core of the Foundation's assets and constitute the basis of the Foundation's reach. Every year, distributions are calculated for these endowments, and payments are made to various programs as outlined in the chart below.

Your gift to a named endowment helps ensure the Foundation's annual distributions are continued in the future ... beyond our lifetimes. Although your check is made payable to Oklahoma Disciples foundation, your gift supports the program you choose. Your donation is to the ministries and programs we serve.

Endowment: A financial asset donation made to a non-profit group or institution in the form of investment funds or other property that has a stated purpose at the bequest of the donor. Most endowments are designed to keep the principal amount intact while using the investment income from dividends for charitable efforts. (Source: investopedia.com)

2009-2013 distributions paid to beneficiaries from the named endowment funds totaled \$1,336,397.81 and averaged over \$267,250 per year. ODF distributions benefit a variety of ministries and programs of the Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church in Oklahoma.

Some of the more "popular" endowment funds – in terms of contributions are: Senior Ministries, Fund for the Education of Clergy & Laity, Oklahoma Disciple Women Leadership and Oklahoma Disciple Men. A complete list of named endowments is available online at: <http://okdfd.org/giving-opportunities/named-endowment-list/>



The Foundation's work is overseen by a board of directors and implemented by a staff consisting of an executive director, associate development director and director of operations. Operational expenses are underwritten by a separate general/operating endowment fund specifically designated for that purpose.

This is the first of a series of articles outlining Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, its purpose and operations. Subsequent installments will cover details about ODF's board of directors, how distributions are calculated, and other aspects of the Foundation.

Foundation Board Honors Kyle Maxwell for 10 Years Service as ODF's Executive Director



At its quarterly board meeting in July 2013, the ODF Board of Directors honored Executive Director Kyle Maxwell.

Photo at left: Thelma Chambers-Young, David Eck, Joe Shirley, Kay Thompson, Janet McKenzie, Kyle Maxwell, Eric Gray, Ross Meredith, Dana Shadid.

Photo at right: Board President Eric Gray presents Kyle with an service award: "Rev. Dr. Kyle V. Maxwell ~ In recognition of 10 years of faithful service to Christ as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation ~ 2003 - 2013"



Foundation Continues Exploring the Meaning of *Stewardship* with Workshop in Tulsa

“Creating a Culture of Generosity in Your Congregation...”

...was the topic of an ODF-sponsored workshop for both laity and clergy at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa September 21, 2013. Featuring as Facilitator Rev. Bruce A. Barkhauer, Minister for Faith and Giving for the Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church, the workshop centered around redefining *stewardship* to encompass

a richer, deeper concept than is typically acknowledged.

Stewardship is not fundraising, Bruce contends. Citing scripture, he notes God created an abundant world which flourishes and thrives. Throughout the Bible, care and



management of God's creation is assigned to humans. Bruce teaches that the scriptural basis of stewardship is extended to human institutions and organizations as a means of demonstrating faith.

Post-workshop feedback evidences several attendees' significant interest in bringing Bruce back to Oklahoma to spread this vision of stewardship.

To learn how you and your congregation can participate, contact Kyle Maxwell, kvmaxwell@okdfd.org.



Women & Philanthropy March 14-15, 2014

Featuring insights into women's philanthropy, including:

- How to work with women donors to clarify their philanthropic values, vision, and voice
- The evolution of women's philanthropy and women's philanthropic capacity
- How generational differences and family considerations impact women's giving

Building a Cathedral for Your Soul Tentative: April or May 2014

Evaluating the virtue of generosity as it relates to how we are what we are

Generosity has to do with our very being and our behaving, with our living as caring, respectful, courteous, grace-giving people. Authentic generosity is rooted in our unique sense of calling. How do we nurture generosity? Generous people are reflective people who take inventory of their souls.

Building a cathedral for your soul has to do with tomorrow as well as with today, with how we choose to be remembered, and with the kind of spiritual legacy that we are crafting by the way we live.

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