

# Together We Touch Lives



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## WHY ENDOWMENTS? AN INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE!

### What is an Endowment?

An **endowment** is a donation of money, property or other financial assets to a non-profit organization which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose. **Endowment** funds are permanent in nature and are designed to keep the principal amount intact while using the investment income for charitable endeavors.

### Why have Endowment Funds?

**Endowment** funds create an ongoing source of income. Because **endowment** funds are invested in a pool of money which provides a reliable and endless source of income, the benefitting organization can count on annual distributions for its charitable work. An **endowment** fund holds its principal in perpetuity and only pays out a small portion annually, generally about 4 to 5 percent per year.

**Endowment** investments have dual goals: to grow the principal and to generate income. **Endowments** can also grow over time with additional gifts from multiple donors. **Endowments** established with the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation (ODF) provide an opportunity for churches and individuals to leave memorial legacies to benefit the future of the Oklahoma Region, local church or Disciples-related programs or missions. Annual distributions are only made to non-profit 501(c)(3) entities.

The Foundation holds nearly 100 **endowment** funds which provide annual funding for various areas of the Christian Church in Oklahoma (CCIO) as well as for congregations, institutions and missions related to the church including funds for the future of the Foundation. Many of these funds are named after Disciples individuals or churches as memorial legacies. Prior to final closing worship services, several Disciples church congregations made decisions to establish memorial legacy **endowments** to benefit programs and missions they wanted to support well into the future. Funding for these **endowments** came from the sale of church property and buildings as well as other church assets.

### Who can establish Endowment Funds?

Anyone can establish an **endowment** fund at ODF with a minimum gift of \$10,000 and by completing and signing an **endowment** agreement naming the fund and designating the beneficiary. It is also recommended that provisions be made to determine where or how future distributions should be made if the such beneficiary no longer remains a viable non-profit entity related to the church. Below is a list of current ODF **endowment** funds benefitting the Regional Church, camps, institutions and missions of the Church.

#### Campsites and Programming for Youth

- [Associate Regional Pastor for Children, Youth & Young Adults](#)
- [Camp & Conference Resources](#)
- [Camp & Conference Secretary](#)
- [Camp Christian Capital](#)
- [Camp Christian Operations](#)
- [Camp Christian Scholarship](#)
- [Central Christian Camp and Conference Center](#)
- [Children, Youth & Young Adults Grants](#)
- [Friendship Camp](#)
- [Texoma Christian Camp](#)
- [Texoma Christian Camp Scholarship](#)

#### Regional Ministries (Including Senior Ministries)

- [Christian Church in Oklahoma](#)
- [Disciples Village Chaplaincy Fund](#)
- [Disciples Village Tenants Fund](#)
- [Dorothy Barnes Memorial](#)
- [Fellowship of John](#)
- [Friendship Journeys](#)
- [Jewell Endowment for Practical Parish Ministry Skills](#)

- [Leadership Development](#)
- [Minority Convocation](#)
- [Doran & Jean Myers Endowment](#)
- [NEAT's— Northeast Active Timers \(Centenarians\)](#)
- [New Church Assistance](#)
- [OASIS— Older Adult Sharing and Interfaith Services](#)
- [Oklahoma Disciple Men](#)
- [Oklahoma Disciple Men Leave No Child Behind](#)
- [Oklahoma Disciple Women Leadership Development](#)
- [Mary Jo Ragan Memorial](#)
- [Regional Pastoral Care](#)
- [Senior Ministries](#)

#### Specific Area Ministries

- [Cargile Older Adult Ministries](#)
- [Central Area](#)
- [Northeast Area Leadership Development](#)
- [Northeast Area Ministers Emergency Fund](#)
- [Northeast Area New Church Development](#)
- [Northeast Area Capital](#)
- [Northeast Area Operations](#)
- [Northeast Area Small Membership Congregations](#)
- [Northwest Area](#)

#### Church Related Congregations, Institutions & Missions

- [Willa I. Adams Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Association of Disciple Musicians \(ADM\) Endowment](#)
- [First Christian Church, Bartlesville](#)
- [First Christian Church, Edmond, Mission Endowment](#)
- [First Christian Church, Midwest City Capital Endowment](#)
- [First Christian Church, Tulsa](#)
- [John G. Harms Memorial benefiting PTS](#)
- [Charles & Marilee Hattendorf Endowment](#)
- [Mary E. Hattendorf Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Jarvis Christian College Scholarship](#)
- [Wharton & Jimmie Mathies Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Rev. John McLemore Annual Bible Lecture Series](#)
- [Neal Family/First Christian Church Edmond](#)
- [Northwest Christian Church Memorial Mission Endowment](#)
- [Oklahoma Conference of Churches](#)
- [Phillips Theological Seminary](#)
- [Phillips Theological Seminary Ministers Week](#)
- [Phillips Theological Seminary Scholarship](#)
- [Refuge Fellowship-First Christian Church](#)
- [Daryl & Carol Southard Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Dave & Cathy Schmidt Endowment](#)
- [The Tabbernee Fund](#)
- [United Ministries in Higher Education, Stillwater](#)
- [Rev. John E. and Ruth K. Weston Memorial Endowment](#)
- [World Convention—Churches of Christ](#)

#### Closed Church Memorial Legacy Funds

- [Burlington Christian Church Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Community Christian Church Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Memorial Christian Church Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Northwest Christian Church Pastoral Support Endowment](#)
- [Phillips University Legacy Foundation](#)
- [Red Rock Christian Church Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Rogers Heights Christian Church Memorial Endowment](#)
- [Sheridan Avenue Christian Church Memorial Endowment](#)
- [South Side Christian Church Endowment](#)
- [First Christian Church Tecumseh Memorial Endowment](#)
- [University Park Christian Church Memorial](#)
- [First Christian Church Wetumka Memorial Endowment](#)
- [First Christian Church Wewoka Memorial Endowment](#)



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## WE REMEMBER JIM PRICHARD

James Parker "Jim" Prichard, age 85, passed away November 22, 2018, in Colorado Springs, Colorado following a brief illness. Born November 1, 1933, in Pampa, Texas to Sherman Parker and Carol Virginia (Corbett) Prichard, Jim was raised in Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Texas Tech University in 1959. He lived in Oklahoma for 40 years before relocating to Colorado in 2002.

In early 1990, Jim was called by Reverend Gene Frazier, Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma (CCIO), to join the regional staff as Director of Stewardship and Development. With the blessing of Sam Howard, founder and major contributor to the Oklahoma Christian Foundation (OCF), Jim also served as Executive Director of the Foundation.

Since inception of OCF, Sam had maintained handwritten financial records for the Foundation with the help of Tulsa Trust Company which held most of the Foundation's assets.

Sam also had input in deciding the investments of the Foundation. However a change was necessary to update the record keeping process as well as provide additional transparency. Therefore, Jim created spreadsheets of the financial reports relieving Sam of the more tedious task of creating manual reports.

"Sam and I met regularly at his office in Tulsa and with Tulsa Trust Company," wrote Jim. "Sam helped the Foundation's assets grow by offering matching grants to endowments such as the Oklahoma Christian Women's and Men's Fellowships."

According to Jim, Sam felt strongly that the OCF should not compete with the Christian Church Foundation. In other words, OCF endowments were to benefit the mission and ministry of the Oklahoma region.

Jim served in the same role on the Northeast Area Christian Church Foundation, previously established by Sam and Mary Howard. Jim worked closely with Sam and the Northeast Area Director to create spreadsheets of their financial information.

Sam indicated several times that he wished he had created just one Foundation. Later following his passing, Sam's wish was granted as the two Foundations were merged into one entity on January 1, 2002 - the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation.

"Sam and I enjoyed a great relationship over the six years I served on the regional staff of the Christian Church in Oklahoma," said Jim.

"Jim was a dedicated steward of the church and the Foundation and we are grateful for his many years of work with the Foundation," said Eric Gray, current Oklahoma Disciples Foundation Director.

## Let Us Match Your Gift To Refuge Fellowship Endowment

A year ago, the Region established Refuge Fellowship-First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Endowment Fund with proceeds from the sale of the Weleetka Church and parsonage. In addition, the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation (ODF) board voted to provide matching funds of up to \$50,000 for every dollar donated to the endowment during 2018.

Rev. Noel Gray, along with support from local Disciples Churches, leads this ministry to serve the homeless community in downtown Oklahoma City. The mission of this Disciples Church in formation is to transform lives through the work of the Holy Spirit, by the living word of God and the life of Jesus Christ. They demonstrate discipleship through a community which provides resources to empower the lives of the disenfranchised and economically oppressed.

There are only a few weeks left to support this life-changing ministry and have your gift fully matched. To make a special Christmas gift to this ministry, mail your check along with the donation form below to the Foundation by Christmas. Or, you may donate via credit card or PayPal on our website at [www.okdfd.org](http://www.okdfd.org). Be sure to indicate Refuge Fellowship Endowment fund on the donation form or from the website drop-down fund menu.

# Merry Christmas



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Mail this form and check to the Foundation at the address listed above. Or, gifts may be made via PayPal or credit card online at our website listed above.

THANK YOU!

I am interested in establishing a permanent endowment to benefit a heartfelt cause or church mission.

I am interested in receiving information on making a bequest to the Foundation.

*I/We Wish to Make a Tax-deductible Gift to:  
Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, Inc.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! Please sign me up for email news updates.

My gift is given in (honor/memory) of:  
*circle one*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

YES! I would like to make a gift to ODF in the amount of:

\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please invest my gift in:

Disciple Club supporting ODF Operations.

Named Endowment Fund as listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list fund name)

Yes, I have included ODF in my estate planning. Please call me to discuss my wishes.

\*Gifts to Oklahoma Disciples Foundation are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Gifts may be made to a specific Endowment Fund or to Disciple Club. A list of funds is available on the Foundation website at [www.okdfd.org](http://www.okdfd.org). We are grateful for your gifts, support and prayers.