



*ODF relocated to a new office in October 2023. The office is located at 300 NW 70th Street in OKC, just three miles north of the previous location.*



*Enid multi-church VBS program honoring heros. ODF Grant recipient.*



*ODF Board of Director's meeting in October 2023. Board members are members of Disciples congregations in Oklahoma. They are eligible to serve three 3-year terms.*

## **The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation Serving Oklahoma Churches and Disciples Over Six Decades**

The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation (ODF) is the product of a 2001 merger of the Oklahoma Christian Foundation (OCF) and the Northeast Oklahoma Christian Foundation (NEOCF). These two entities had been serving as the repositories of endowments for activities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma since the 1960s. ODF has continued that work and currently manages over \$43 million in assets of more than 100 permanent endowment funds and 68 custodial funds.

ODF is an independent non-profit Oklahoma corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors representing Christian Church members from all areas of the State of Oklahoma. Daily activities of the Foundation are the responsibility of the small staff: Eric Gray, Executive Director; Julie Bowers, Director of Operations; Dr. Vicki Rose, Operations Consultant; and Frank Gresh, Development Associate/ Donor Relations Coordinator. ODF also utilizes the services of a local CPA and has annual audits.

ODF employs the professional money management services of Bank of Oklahoma investing pursuant to the Foundation's Investment Policy. Annual distributions are made to beneficiaries of the funds in accordance with donors' directions and intention as well as our policies, including a formal Spending Policy. These documents are available on our website [www.okdfdn.org](http://www.okdfdn.org) or on request.



*Faithful stewards (left to right): Scott & Mona Baird • Armelda & Carl Linton • Sam & Mary Howard*

## WHAT WE DO

We believe good stewardship is the basis for living a Christian life. Stewardship of time, talents and money are vital in fostering a relationship with God and with each other. We aim to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us. Our door is always open. We are transparent in our work and with donors.

### ENDOWMENTS

Our existing endowments provide funding for a broad array of programs and ministries. A majority of our endowments have a specific beneficiary such as an individual church, camp or educational institution. Several of our endowments generate annual funds for our grant-making program open to Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) institutions and related entities. In 2025, ODF awarded over \$162,000 in grant funds. Since inception of the Grants Program in 2017, ODF has awarded more than \$904,000 to fund community feeding programs, refugee tutoring programs, senior adult programs and children, youth and young adult mission trips, VBS programs and more.

### CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Our Custodial Funds program enables Churches and other Disciple institutions to obtain endowment investment returns while maintaining liquidity. We offer two investment pools with different degrees of risk versus expected returns. We have also worked diligently to reduce the costs of investment to enable greater returns for the churches and institutions.

### PLANNED GIVING

Our planned giving program offers individuals a wide range of charitable options while providing individual benefits. Charitable Trusts, Gift Annuities and Donor Advised Funds are available to individuals for the benefit of the church. Trusts and annuities can be utilized to provide an income stream to the donor with a remainder interest to the Church or Foundation. A Donor Advised Fund enables a current year tax deduction for multiyear future donations.

### EDUCATION

We work to enable churches and their leadership to establish strong stewardship principles among their congregations. We provide seminars and other free educational opportunities on stewardship and charitable giving.



# WHY US?

We are Oklahomans and members of local Oklahoma congregations. We are easily accessible to our donors, beneficiaries, local Disciples churches and partnering non-profit organizations. We concentrate on the programs and ministries affecting or relating to the Christian Church in Oklahoma; however, we support the advancement of God's work world wide. Over the last ten years we have distributed over \$6.4 Million to the beneficiaries of our named endowments, averaging more than \$647,000 per year, while growing the overall pool of assets. We endeavor to maintain quality in our mission as well as prudence, transparency, consistency and faithful obedience to God.

## WHERE YOU COME IN

The Foundation and the Church are dependent upon the faithfulness of the people to respond generously to the needs of the community within and outside the church. Generous people are charitable and joyful people. What will be your legacy? Will your generosity enable the work of the church well into the future? Will you lead so others may follow? Do you have a plan?

## TOGETHER WE TOUCH LIVES

Your willingness to give generously allows us to continually increase the support for the beneficiaries of the existing funds and/or create new funds for perpetual funding of God's work through ministries, mission and grants. We ask for you to join us in prayer for our work. Please visit our website at [www.okdfdndn.org](http://www.okdfdndn.org) to sign up for our weekly eNewsletter. It provides updated information on our work as well as planned giving tips and links to Washington news briefs.

## WHEN IS THE TIME TO ACT?

If you haven't included the Church in your plans for the future or if your church is struggling to survive, the time to act is now. We would be delighted to meet with you or your congregation to discuss specifics and provide options. We offer this as a free stewardship service to Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) churches and members in Oklahoma.

**"Supporting Disciple  
missions in Christ's  
community."**



One of the ways individuals and churches can be good stewards of all that has been provided to them is through a proper plan. With proper planning, heirs can be provided for, churches can leave a lasting legacy, charitable intent can be carried out and pitfalls can be avoided. Through discussions with you and/or your advisors, we can provide insight and advice on ways to accomplish your goals.

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*We are called to inspire and enable Disciples' communities  
to be the hands and feet of Christ.*

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ODF grants support Oklahoma Disciples serving in Jamaica. Rev. Sondra Ladd, FFC Stillwater leads mission teams to Jamaica annually in conjunction with ACE ministries.

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☐ I would like information on leaving a bequest to ODF.

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Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, Inc.***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YES! Enclosed is**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ my gift of:

City, State, Zip: ☐ \$25

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100

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

☐ Yes! Please sign me up for your weekly eNewsletter.

Invest my gift in:

☐ Disciple Club

Other Fund:

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

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.*