

## FYI

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Raise your hand if you know the mission of Oklahoma Disciples Foundation! I'd take a bet that not too many hands went up. I'd also take the bet that most are not aware of our mission. The rest of you just felt silly raising your hand at the kitchen table when no one was around.

Never fear, our goal is to get the word out – to better inform, to give you the scoop on just what we do. The biggest part of our mission is to receive gifts, invest them and make distributions to the many different Disciples ministries. This calendar year we have received \$387,223.54 in endowment gifts for 28 different funds.

You might be asking yourself, "That's great, but how does this help Disciples like me?" Check out the following chart and it will give you the 2007 distribution figures.

Regional Church Ministries	\$45,536
Campsites, Camp Program	\$48,850
Disciple Related Institutions	\$18,734
Area Ministries	\$24,923
Senior Adult Ministries	\$35,864
Congregations	\$6,293
Oklahoma Disciples Foundation	\$16,867
Reinvested Distributions	\$30,744

Endowment distributions (with pooled income fund) were \$244,476. If you are a seminary student, a member of Oklahoma Disciple Women or Oklahoma Disciple Men, or a camper; if you enjoyed an area assembly or the Regional Assembly – you are a part of our ministry.

Don't raise your hand yet, there is more. We are happy to meet with individuals as you make end-of-life plans. What needs to be in a will? How can you plan for retirement and leave a gift to your congregation and family? What can you do to support your favorite ministry long after you are gone and still have the income you need now? Another part of our ministry is assisting congregations as they set up and market permanent funds. We have several sample policies and can even help with brochures if desired.

Now raise your hand, even if you are still at the kitchen table! You have the 10 or maybe 20 second overview of Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. I would love to give you greater and greater detail but they won't give me more space here so please call or email us. We will visit you and be very happy to sit at your kitchen table, share our mission and perhaps –

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