



## WAYS TO DIRECT YOUR LEGACY

**School Ministry Account** will provide student tuition assistance, academic and enrichment programs, and staff education assistance.

**Church Ministry Account** will include helping God's people, Church worker tuition assistance, building fund, debt retirement, remodeling, capital equipment, and deferred maintenance.

**Mission Account** will seed new opportunities, servant events, support of local, circuit, district efforts, as well as international missions (currently in the Dominican Republic and Liberia)

**Undesignated Account** will receive any gifts that are not specifically designated to an account listed above.



## DEAR FRIENDS,

**It is our joy as Christians to respond to God's love and mercy through our gifts. Your gift to Saint Michael Foundation assures continued support and growth of our ministry and mission for generations to come!**  
**Thank you!**

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## SAINT MICHAEL FOUNDATION



*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."  
1 Peter 4:10*

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?**





# FOUNDATION FAQ

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION?

To ensure that our congregation's ministries and missions remain strong and effective, and that new opportunities may be pursued and funded, the foundation was established to provide a means by which people can express special gratitude to God for the blessings they have received. In effect, this enables their gift to endure forever.

## WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION'S INCOME USED FOR?

The Foundation, which is aligned with the mission and vision of our church, was established to extend the ministries and missions of the church by supporting opportunities that are beyond the scope of the congregation's operating budget.

## WHO MANAGES THE FOUNDATION?

A Board of Directors manages the Foundation according to its constitution, bylaws, and policies. The Pastor and Principal serve as ex officio members of the Board.

## ARE GIFTS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes. Gifts to Saint Michael Foundation qualify as charitable donations. Deductible gifts can be made in a variety of ways, including certain kinds of gifts that allow you to receive income during your lifetime or to continue using donated property for your lifetime.

## WHAT TYPES OF HOLDINGS DOES THE FOUNDATION HAVE?

As directed by donors or by policy, assets are categorized as Short Term, Long Term, or Endowment.

## IS MY GIFT TOO SMALL?

No, all gifts are pooled together so they have a cumulative effect making even the smallest gift significant.

## WHAT TYPES OF GIFTS CAN I MAKE?

**Direct gifts of cash (check) or property:** real estate, stocks, mutual funds, and other appreciated property.

**Life Insurance Policy:** Include the Foundation as a beneficiary or as its owner.

**IRA, 401(K), 403(B) and other retirement plans:** Name the Foundation as a beneficiary or bless both ministry and your heirs through a charitable remainder trust.

**Charitable Gift Annuity:** Receive regular fixed payments during your lifetime, save on taxes, and make a future Foundation gift.

**Bequests and Wills:** Leave a dollar amount, specific assets, or a percentage of your estate to the Foundation through a bequest in your will, trust or estate plan.

**Honor and Remembrance Cards:** Designate a gift in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special event.

## HOW DO I MAKE A GIFT TO THE FOUNDATION?

Checks and title to donated property or securities may be made in the name of Saint Michael Foundation.