

## APPENDIX 2.4

### LEGACY FUND POLICY

The Legacy Fund exists to manage monetary legacies.

Main Entry: **<sup>1</sup>leg-a-cy** 

Pronunciation: \ˈle-gə-sē\

Function: *noun*

1 : a gift by will especially of money or other personal property : [BEQUEST](#)

2 : something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past <the *legacy* of the ancient philosophers>

Given that a legacy is generally something from the past, for the benefit of the future, the Legacy Fund was established to allow benefits from the past to accrue to the future. This fund exists to receive, hold and invest gifts received in the present, where the desire of the giver, either expressed or implied, was that the gift provides a lasting benefit to the mission of the church.

Grace United Church welcomes and encourages legacies from any individuals who would like to support the future work of the local church. The primary intent of this fund is to meet needs that are not of a routine nature, such as ongoing operating expenses; rather they are to support significant new or renewed vision elements. We pledge to be good stewards both by earnestly investing monies held by the fund and in their thoughtful disbursement.

Monetary gifts that will be directed to the Legacy Fund will include any legacies that do not specifically indicate that they are intended for immediate general use. Should there be specific directions given with a legacy, these will need to comply with the Specified Donations Policy. Where possible, gifts that have specific directions will be immediately put to their intended use and not held in the legacy fund.

This document and the operating discipline of the Legacy Fund will remain in force notwithstanding that the fund value may be zero. It is expected that the value will vary according to gains, losses, additions and withdrawals, even falling to a zero balance at points in time.

The mechanism to transfer funds from this segregated fund to the operating fund is a motion approved at Council to fund an approved, budgeted expense of the nature described above. Typically this will occur in the annual budget cycle leading up to the annual meeting; however nothing precludes council from bringing a proposal forward to the congregation at another time. Requiring that the expense to be funded is part of an approved budget fulfils two key functions. First, it ensures that expenditures from this fund are treated in the same way as any other expenditure in that the congregation has appropriate opportunity to review the planned expenditure. Secondly, it requires that expenditures be thoroughly planned in advance and be in alignment with the church's vision.

Record of Changes		
Date	Action	Responsible
April 21, 2009	Original Document	Finance
May 27, 2009	Added par. 4 re: fund document and fund balance	J Tebbens - Finance
June 3 2009	Document approved by Council.	Council

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