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### **What is the Everliving Church Trust?**

The Everliving Church Trust of FUMC of Lubbock (ELCT) has been in place since the 1980s as a funding vehicle to maintain the ministry facilities of the church. The corpus of the endowment has grown to over \$2.75 million at the end of 2020. These funds are invested and overseen by the duly appointed Investment Committee of FUMC.

In accordance with the Investment Policy Statement, there is an annual distribution to support major projects of maintenance and upkeep of the church's facilities. A small amount of oil and gas revenues, when available, are added to that distribution (less 10% which is reinvested into the ELCT corpus). This annual distribution is provided to the FUMC Trustees who prioritize the facility needs for the coming year and designate which projects are funded by ELCT funds.

### **Why give to the Everliving Church Trust?**

- To fulfill First Lubbock's missions, our facilities must serve both as a gathering place for worship and fellowship as well as a home base from which we launch our activities that carry God's word into the community.
- ELCT earnings allow First Lubbock's annual operating budgets to focus on programs that support worship and mission activities while the ELCT provides funds for unbudgeted facility costs.
- The Trust provides for, and insures into the future, the monies that are needed to provide for the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful facility.
- The high cost of maintaining our beautiful building would be much more difficult without the ELCT.
- Contributions to the ELCT create an ongoing legacy of love for the benefit of future generations.

### **Because you gave, the ELCT was able to help pay for over \$600,000 worth of repairs and upgrades during the past five years, including:**

- Completion of sanctuary and chapel painting and plaster project
- Make multiple repairs to and replacements of heating, cooling and hot water system units
- Replace lights in the sanctuary and choir loft
- Replace the ice machine in the CLC
- Purchase a storage unit for First Youth A/V equipment
- Upgrade sound system in all worship areas, and add live video streaming options in the CLC
- Upgrade the security system cameras, sensors, and alarm, and install new security system DVR
- Renovate the narthex and library restrooms, including ADA compliance
- Paint walls in Children's 2nd-floor area
- Replace the protective floor covering (tarps) for the Gym floor when used for large event seating/dining
- Carpet for 1st floor including Children's area
- Install blinds in the Children's areas
- Refurbish doors in the Education Building and sanctuary
- Reseal cracks around the sanctuary
- Resurface the parking lot
- Trim trees on church property
- And more!

## **How does my gift to the ELCT differ from giving to the annual budget?**

The ELCT fund is a permanent endowment fund, and only its earnings can be spent. When funds are available and distributed, they support projects above and beyond normal budgeted items.

## **How can I give?**

- Cash – An easy and convenient way to support the ELCT.
- Wills/bequests – Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Think about the part that you want to play in First Lubbock's future. Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime.
- Stocks, Mutual Funds and Bonds – Stocks, mutual funds and bonds make excellent gifts to your church and are easy to transfer. Appreciated securities may be deductible from your income taxes at their current fair market value, and in most cases, the appreciation is not taxed to you at all.
- Life insurance and Annuity Survivor Benefits – Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to your church than you might otherwise be able to afford. If the needs of other beneficiaries will be met in other ways, why not make First Lubbock the beneficiary of one of your life insurance policies?
- Retirement Accounts – If your current and anticipated future needs are met through your retirement or other assets, consider donating some or all of the distributions from a retirement account to the ELCT. This option could allow you to send such funds to the ELCT without you incurring a tax liability and possibly generating a tax deduction for you. Retirement account options include:
  - Retirement Account Survivor Benefits - (IRA, 401K, 457, etc.)
  - Qualified Charitable Distributions from Retirement Accounts

**Email [ELCT@fumc.com](mailto:ELCT@fumc.com) and request a personal contact.**

## **CASH**

A gift of cash is the simplest way to support the FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST.

If made during the donor's lifetime, the gift is potentially tax deductible.

## **HOW TO DO THIS?**

Prepare a check for the desired amount made payable to: FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST.

Bring the check by FUMC or mail to FUMC at

Attn: Business Manager  
First United Methodist Church  
1411 Broadway  
Lubbock, Texas 79401

You will receive by mail a written confirmation of your gift to assist with income tax preparation.

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS/HONORARIUMS**

To make a Memorial or Honorium donation, go to ELCT Memorial Donation Form, print, complete, and mail with check.

Gifts may also be made online using FUMC Secure Give Site at [fumc.com/elct-gifts](http://fumc.com/elct-gifts). Once the form is complete, click submit and follow instructions to be taken to the payment portion to pay by credit/debit card or Paypal. A downloaded form to print and mail with your check is at the bottom of the page.

## **WILLS/BEQUESTS**

A person can designate a specific cash amount or a percentage of one's estate to be given to the FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST.

### **HOW TO DO THIS?**

Each donor's needs and circumstances are different. The preparation of the Estate Plan and Will should be done with the guidance of professionals (estate-planning attorney, qualified tax professional, financial advisor, and life insurance consultant) familiar with the donor's resources and desires. A specific cash amount or percentage of the estate can be designated to the FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST in a will. The FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST can also be named a "contingent beneficiary" of the estate if the primary beneficiary(s) should pre-decease the donor.

## **STOCKS, MUTUAL FUNDS AND BONDS**

A gift of stocks, mutual funds or bonds is welcomed. Significant tax advantages may be achieved by transferring ownership of appreciated stocks, mutual funds or bonds to the FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST in lieu of cash during the donor's lifetime.

### **HOW TO DO THIS?**

A potential gift of stocks/mutual funds/bonds should be discussed with the donor's financial advisor/broker and qualified tax professional. The donor completes the brokerage's standard transfer forms and obtains the required witnessed/notarized signatures and returns to the brokerage. The brokerage will forward the partially completed form to the FUMC Business Manager to complete FUMC ELCT's portion and returns to the donor's brokerage for processing. When the donor's brokerage has transferred the stock/mutual funds/bonds, the brokerage will prepare necessary IRS forms documenting the gift and FUMC will send a written acknowledgement of the gift to the donor.

A gift of stock/ mutual funds/bonds as a bequest in a will can be handled similarly with the will's executor working with the brokerage and FUMC to implement this process.

## **LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY BENEFITS**

The beneficiary designations you make on a life insurance or annuity policy generally supersede any other instructions you leave, including your will. Instead each life insurance and/or annuity company has a separate Designated Beneficiary Form which must be completed by the insured and on file with the company. The FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST can be designated as either the primary beneficiary or the contingent/backup beneficiary (if the primary beneficiary(s) pre-deceases the donor) for either life insurance or annuity policies with a death benefit/payment.

### **HOW TO DO THIS?**

After discussing with family and advisors, request a Change of Beneficiary Form from the Insurance/Annuity Company. Your insurance agent may be able to assist you in obtaining this form, or you can request directly from the company. Complete the form listing FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST as a beneficiary. Contact the FUMC Business Manager to request the FUMC tax ID number to use in place of a required social security number, if needed. Follow the form's instructions concerning having the owner's signature officially witnessed/notarized. Keep a copy of the updated Beneficiary Form with your policy, mail a copy to the FUMC Business Manager, and mail the original back to the insurance company following their directions. Upon the donor's death, FUMC will initiate contact with the donor's family and insurance company to liquidate the policy.

## **RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS**

If your current and anticipated future needs are met through your retirement or other assets, consider donating some or all of the distri-

butions from a retirement account to the ELCT. This option could allow you to send such funds to the ELCT without you incurring a tax liability and possibly generating a tax deduction for you. Retirement account options include:

## **RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA, 401k, 403b, 457, etc.) BENEFITS**

The beneficiary designations you make on a retirement account, like an IRA, generally supersede any other instructions you leave, including your will. To name or change a beneficiary to your retirement account(s), a new Beneficiary Form will need to be completed and filed with the Retirement Account Administrator (and/or individual investment products within the Retirement Account.) The Beneficiary Form may vary depending on how the Retirement Account is set up, i.e. the products (mutual funds, stocks, bonds, etc.) and the retirement account administrator (brokerage, financial service company, bank, etc.). The Retirement Account Administrator sends regular account statements with a contact phone number to the owner of the account.

### **HOW TO DO THIS?**

After discussing the proposed changes with family and advisors, the donor should contact his/her Retirement Account Administrator by phone or mail and request a Change of Beneficiary Form.

Update the Change of Beneficiary form to reflect the donor's wishes. The FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST can be named as either a Primary Beneficiary or a Contingent/backup Beneficiary (if the Primary Beneficiary(s) pre-decease the donor). Please contact the FUMC Business Manager to request the FUMC Tax ID Number to use in place of a Social Security Number, if needed. Follow the form's directions concerning having the signature officially witnessed/notarized (typically available at your bank, or at your attorney's, accountant's, or financial advisor's office). Make a copy of the Change of Beneficiary Form for the donor's files, mail a copy to the FUMC Business Manager, and return the original signed form to the Retirement Fund Administrator following their directions. Upon the donor's death, FUMC will contact the donor's family and plan administrator to start the process to liquidate the retirement plan's assets.

## **QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS**

Generally, beginning at age 70 ½, people with a tax deferred Individual Retirement Account (IRA, 401k, 403b, 457 plans, etc.) are required to withdraw a minimum amount from their account each year. However, if your 70th birthday is July 1, 2019 or later, you do not have to take withdrawals until you reach age 72. This is known as the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). The RMD is taxed as income. People who do not need the income or who wish to reduce their tax liability can meet the RMD by transferring the amount of RMD funds from their IRA to a charity/church annually. This way of giving is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Qualified Charitable Distributions gifts must meet the following requirements:

- Donors must meet the age criteria shown above.
- Funds must come from a tax deferred retirement account, i.e. traditional IRA, 401k, 403b, 457 plans. Roth IRA's are not eligible.
- Your gift must go directly to the charity. You cannot receive the cash first.
- The maximum contribution is \$100,000.
- The Qualified Charitable Distribution can be activated year around and can be deactivated by the donor if circumstances change.

### **HOW TO DO THIS?**

Discuss this option with your family. Your tax preparer can best explain the advantages/disadvantages in your personal tax situation. If you decide to proceed, contact your Retirement Plan Administrator whose contact information is on your regular financial statements for your retirement account, and request necessary forms for a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. Complete the required forms, listing the FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST as the recipient. Obtain the FUMC Tax ID Number from the FUMC Business Manager to use in lieu of Social Security number plus any FUMC banking information required. Make a copy of the Request for a Qualified Charitable Distribution Form for the donor's files, mail a copy to the FUMC Business Manager, and return the original signed form to the Retirement Fund Administrator following their directions. The Retirement Fund Administrator will process the transfer for you and provide you information about how the funds will be delivered to FUMC.

Note: A similar option for persons over 72 years of age, is a *Charitable IRA Rollover*: The donor surrenders ownership of all or a part of a retirement account (Traditional IRA or Roth IRA) to the FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST. This transfer is "rolled over" from the Retirement Fund Administrator directly to the FUMC EVERLIVING CHURCH TRUST without going to the donor and being considered taxable income to the donor. The steps would be like the *Qualified Charitable Distribution* above.

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