Legacy Giving FAQs

Through Legacy Giving, congregants are encouraged to prayerfully consider how they might contribute to the church’s endowments out of the gifts they have cultivated and grown over a lifetime. A gift to our endowment funds becomes a Legacy Gift when the giver composes and shares a story to accompany their gift. The story and the offerings are then placed in the Sustaining Hearts Endowment until the threshold stipulated below is reached. In the meantime, returns from this fund may be spent, according to its policy, for ministry and mission.

Why start a named endowment fund?
You care deeply about Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)—the people who have helped shape your life and faith, the ministries and missions that have expressed the love and will of God within our fellowship and far beyond.

For this reason, our church’s Stewards encourage you to include Heart of the Rockies in giving beyond your lifetime through our Endowment Funds.

Legacy giving is something more than a planned gift. A legacy gift is a planned gift transformed by the WHY. By adding the why to your planned gift, it becomes a part of your ministry far into the future, a lasting witness to those who will follow us.

Your why is your story, your opportunity to name those people and experiences that have mattered in your life. Your why becomes your legacy. It breathes life into your gift. Your gift becomes a witness to future generations.

What is the minimum amount needed to start a new named endowment?
The Sustaining Hearts Endowment Fund is a repository for gifts which are intended—but have not yet met the requirements—to become named endowments. A policy was put in place stating, among other provisions, that an initial gift to this fund must be a minimum of $1,000 in the expectation that when gifts reach a threshold of $10,000, a new separate named endowment will be created in accordance with the donor’s request and the Board’s approval.

Who manages this fund?
The Sustaining Hearts Fund is managed by four Stewards (elected by the congregation), the senior minister, church treasurer, and a member appointed by the Church Board. Stewards are responsible for promoting the funds, distributing their income, and investing the principal subject to a written policy approved by the Church Board.

Who do I talk to about starting an endowment fund?
Contact our pastor, Melissa St. Clair. (link: melissa@heartoftherockies.org) You may also call the church office at 970-223-1230 to request to speak to Melissa or to one of our Stewards. We would be happy to schedule an opportunity to talk with you further.