

The Leland (Lee) J. and Patricia (Pat) A. Hendrie Endowment Fund

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Pat and Lee both grew up in Disciples churches. Most of Pat's life was centered around Westchester Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in California. Lee's formative experiences were had in the Fremont Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fremont, Michigan. When Lee moved to take a job in California, he attended Hollywood Beverly Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The relationship between Pat and Lee was ignited when the youth groups from the two churches met one day. Nearly six decades later, their relationship is going strong.

Pat worked in the office of the Disciples' Southern California/Nevada Region (now Pacific Southwest) as secretary to four ministers and responsible for camp and conference activities. Lee began his own insurance business. Both were active in the Hollywood Beverly Christian Church before they moved to Huntington Beach, where they joined the relatively new Harbor Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Newport Beach. Both jumped in and helped in the planning for and construction of the church's building. While there, Lee was honored with the prestigious God and Service Award (#625) bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

In 1990, the Hendries bought a home in Fort Collins. Shortly after, they were asked by Bill Crowl, Regional Minister at the time, to establish the Project Advisory Committee that would oversee the development of our new congregation. While both were caring for their three children—Robert, Kevin and Jennifer—and working fulltime (Lee at his insurance business and Pat in their family store, Pat's Hallmark), they generously invested time, energy and their financial resources in the new congregation.