



Foundation Endowment Just Keeps on Working for the Church

*“The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.
And he said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.’
For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.
And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.”*

2 Mark 6:30-32

By Sid Johnston

I had a revelation that I had to share in what will be a brief July blog post.

I was on vacation last week. It was rejuvenating and restful, although we were not in a desolate place. On a warm beach, with beautiful water and sparkling sunlight, I enjoyed the true luxury of having a few days off the grid for some leisure, fun and a number of delicious meals in a relaxing setting with my wife, Danette.



It occurred to me, though, that the Foundation’s endowment that occupies around 50 or so of my weeks every year and is the focus of my worklife doesn’t get to take a vacation, ever. In fact, that is the very aspect that makes the Foundation’s success unique. Foundation funds in the endowment keep on working, day in and day out, year after year after year.

The job of the funds is to generate income for the Church, the Foundation’s sole beneficiary. Fund investments both earn income in the form of dividends and royalty payments and grow in value, too, so as to assure continued longevity for the corpus of the Foundation. It’s a ‘body’ that needs no rest. What a blessing!

I wanted to see if you ever thought about how hard donors’ contributions are working for our Church. It’s a pretty wonderful thing.

Speaking of working, we have hired a new assistant at the Foundation to work with me and fill the position held for many years by Lisa Tucker, who passed away in May. In August, we will welcome Heather Kemp as my assistant. Exceptionally organized with a proven ability to successfully coordinate people and projects, Heather was

most recently on the Q Investments team and worked, as well, with the Brown Law Firm. With her skills in communications, event planning, and computer and technology platforms and with extensive managerial capabilities, she's a great addition to our team. We are very excited to have her on board.

August is also the month for our next Lunch & Learn. On Thursday, August 11, we are hosting ***Where There's a Will, There's a Way: Will Writing and Estate Planning Workshop*** from noon until 1 p.m. in Wesley Hall, Main Church Building. Lunch is included. The event is free, but we need your reservation the week prior to order lunch for you. Only a will can legally protect your heirs - your spouse, children, and others - and your assets. The session will be presented by Kelly E. DeBerry, who specializes in wills and estate planning and is a partner at Griffith, Jay & Michel, LLP. For reservations, contact Chelsea O'Neal by phone: (817) 339-5089 or by email: Chelsea.oneal@fmcfoundation.org.



This reminds me that I want to say a special word of thanks to Chelsea O'Neal who has ably and joyfully filled in as interim assistant for the Foundation since mid-May. She returns to Texas A&M in August to finish her senior year and graduate in May of 2017. We are very grateful and wish her the very best!

Finally, Chelsea has just sent an email note out to donors and friends recently to remind everyone that our ***2015 Foundation Highlights***, a summary of 2015 Foundation financial and other activities, is now available on line. [Take a look!](#)

It's hard to believe we're over half way through the summer of 2016. I hope each of you has had a fun and restful time so far. Enjoy the rest of the summer knowing that Foundation funds keep on working for the Church, all year long!