



Foundation Announces Methodist Justice Ministry Endowment

*“Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.
For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.”*

Psalm 37:27-28

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Philippians 4:6

God is providing new resources to sustain His people’s lives and ministries. These gifts are exhibited in many ways. Repeatedly, Bible narratives reflect what God has done in the past and what He does that for the faithful today.

During the Exodus of hungry people wandering across the endless desert, God provided a new resource to sustain his flock: manna. For the 5000 gathered on the seashore listening to Jesus, God’s generosity through his Son multiplied bread and fish from a boy’s meager lunch to feed the masses.

Today, God is at work through our Foundation to aid the ministries of First Church. Recently, a donor stepped forward to offer a gift of \$150,000 to the Foundation to create the new Methodist Justice Ministry Endowment. This endowment will generate needed funds so the Justice Ministry can continue offering help to protect indigent woman and children from domestic violence, neglect and abuse.

The Methodist Justice Ministry began 10 years ago. Since that time it has represented in court the interests of hundreds of women and children from low income families and has counseled with more than 1,000 individuals desperate for help concerning legal and community options and resources. The Ministry maintains an active caseload of 30 to 35 lawsuits, and receives between 20 and 30 calls every week from people seeking help.



The new endowment is aimed at assisting the Ministry as it helps these individuals establish new lives free of violence, neglect, fear and self-loathing.

Through wise and thoughtful financial management by the Foundation, as with other Foundation funds, this endowment will be carefully invested to generate income to be released to the Methodist Justice Ministry, in perpetuity.

The donors are honored to have provided the seed money for the endowment and hope like-minded contributors will join them in supporting the ministry's mission. If you would like to contribute to the Methodist Justice Ministry Endowment or other funds of the Foundation, please contact the Foundation office, 817-339-5072.

By investing in this fund, as in others, you reconfirm the enduring values of our Church. The Foundation Board of Directors joins me in expressing our thanks for this new endowment.

We hope your love for our Church will find its expression in future gifts to our Foundation. Because our Foundation is here for you and for our Church.