

## OUR CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUNDS - - - WAYS TO GIVE

*(The Endowment Committee will present a series of articles this year with various suggestions about how you can donate to the Church and the potential financial benefits to you of each type of donation.)*

### **A Gift of Appreciated Property – How does it work and what’s the benefit?**

One method of giving frequently suggested by financial advisers is to use property (usually stocks, bonds, mutual funds) that has increased in value during your ownership. The reason given is that under current tax provisions any gain which has been achieved on these assets is not taxed to the donor at the time of transfer to a qualified not-for-profit organization such as the Church.

The impact of this approach can be explained by way of an example. If a share of stock is purchased for \$100 and 5 years later has a value of \$125, a person could transfer the share to a not-for-profit and take the full \$125 as a charitable deduction on their Federal income tax return. In effect, the \$25 gain would not be taxed. If, on the other hand, the share of stock was sold and the resulting cash was transferred to the charity, the \$25 gain would be subject to tax, reducing the benefit of the \$125 charitable deduction.

PLEASE NOTE: Tax laws are complex, depend on specific facts and circumstances and frequently change. The above is not intended as tax advice and you should consult with your own financial/tax adviser to determine if using appreciated property would be a good strategy for your charitable giving.

If you’re considering making a contribution such as described above (or any other type of contribution), please don’t hesitate to contact any of the following **Endowment Committee members:**

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