

perpetuity. It is hoped that any and every participation at the time of a participant's choice will enrich his/her personal faith journey.

#### What forms of donations will the plan accept?

- ✧ Cash
- ✧ Marketable Securities
- ✧ Insurance Proceeds, by naming Trinity as beneficiary or owner
- ✧ Charitable Remainder Trusts
- ✧ Proceeds from mandatory IRA distributions
- ✧ Estate Bequests
- ✧ Real Estate (subject to approval of the Management Committee)
- ✧ Other possible donations that would be similarly subject to approval.

#### Why should I consider a gift to The Visionary Fund?

- ✧ To express thanksgiving for God's unceasing grace;
- ✧ To provide long-term support for the mission, ministry, and capital improvement needs of our church;
- ✧ To provide a safety net for our church in cases of unforeseen emergency;
- ✧ To reduce income and/or estate taxes.

#### How can I receive more information?

Contact our ministers or a member of the Management Committee. Someone will be glad to personally meet with you. A good source for specific information regarding your personal situation would be your attorney, tax consultant or financial advisor.

# The Trinity Visionary Fund



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*From Generation to Generation*

**The Visionary Fund** will support vital mission and ministry in our church, in the community, and in the world. The fund will provide a permanent monetary source to support the work of the church beyond the scope of the operating budget. The Session of Trinity Presbyterian urges you to consider The Visionary Fund as part of your personal estate planning. This program is a means of expanding your present stewardship to bless future generations.

Since The Visionary Fund is a new concept for Trinity, its members and friends, we realize there are many questions that will be asked as everyone begins to gain an understanding of the program.

## Questions & Answers

### **Why does Trinity need this Visionary Fund?**

The Visionary Fund will make it possible for Trinity to eventually attain a new dimension of mission, support and service within our own walls and also beyond, into the community and the world. It will provide an open-ended, unlimited opportunity for our church to truly be all that God can help it to be.

### **My family supports Trinity's budget every year. How is this different?**

Trinity is blessed to receive strong budget support from members each year. Our budget, however, is basically designed to support the typical expenses that are generated by our yearly church operating fund. There are seldom surplus funds from the budget that are available for anything

except routine operational expenses. Like it or not we are financially constrained from visioning wonderful, exciting possibilities. Many of these currently are impossible dreams for Trinity.

One way to understand the difference between the budget and The Visionary Fund is to consider the function of a two-stage rocket. The first stage of the rocket (our annual budget) does the routine heavy lifting in a predictable manner, on a regular basis for the church.

The Visionary Fund is the second stage. It is really a second, separate rocket sitting atop the first. After the first stage does its basic job, then the second stage is positioned to accelerate from the highest position of the first stage and reach heights far beyond the limits of the first. In fact, if you continue the analogy, the range of the second-stage rocket (The Visionary Fund) can be truly unlimited by time or possibilities.

### **I'm interested in the fund but I don't want to contribute if it's used to enhance the annual budget.**

The annual budget and The Visionary Fund will be intentionally separated by different management sources. The annual budget is managed by the Session; The Visionary Fund will be managed by a separately-appointed committee selected by the Senior Minister and the Finance Committee, and approved by the Session. Accounting processes and records will also be separate. The Management Committee will be responsible for all decisions about how and when the income will be distributed.

### **If I choose to participate, what fund choices will be available?**

Initially two sub-funds will be offered, the Mission and Ministry sub-fund and the Capital Improvements sub-fund; all donors can choose between these.

**The Mission and Ministry** sub-fund is for mission programs of the church beyond the normal operating budget such as, but not limited to, funding new ministries, offering scholarships, providing disaster assistance.

**The Capital Improvements** sub-fund is for large-scale, periodic capital improvements such as, but not limited to, replacing and repairing major plant systems, purchasing property, and responding to extraordinary events such as hurricane damage.

If a potential donor has specific programs, outreach, or support that he/she wishes funded, a special fund can be established and designated according to his/her wishes. The minimum initial operating balance for a special designated fund is \$25,000.00.

### **I'm supportive of this concept but my ability to contribute is limited.**

There is no required minimum contribution for The Visionary Fund. Everyone is invited to experience the joy of commitment to the future of our church.

### **I like the idea but I need time to think about how I might contribute.**

The Visionary Fund is open-ended in every respect, so there is no deadline for participation. The program is designed for