

Village Presbyterian Church
ENDOWMENT TRUST
2017 Annual Report

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Vision Statement

The Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust is a charitable foundation, established by the Session and managed by a separate Board of Directors, to ensure extraordinary mission and ministries for Village Church today and in perpetuity. It provides enrichment for the church's work today and financial security for future needs.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR, TOM ARE, JR.

Dear Village Family,

Each year the Village Church Endowment Trust has good news to share. This report demonstrates that the Village Church Endowment is an essential partner in sustaining and extending the ministry to which we believe God is calling us. The faithful stewardship of these resources has enabled Village to engage in bold ministry year after year. You will see many examples of this ministry as you read through this report.

I am grateful that the Meneilly Society—those who have included the Endowment Trust in their estate plans—has grown to 212, increasing by 26 new members in 2017! The Trust has also benefited from many annual gifts as well. As long as Village is Village, these contributions will be serving God through the ministry practiced by this church family. We often speak of generosity as an expression of gratitude, and we have much for which to be grateful. But even more than gratitude, generosity is an expression of hope. The Endowment bears witness to the good ministry of the Village family today and ensures it will continue in every tomorrow.



A LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR, ALLEN JONES

Dear Village Church Family,

I am pleased to update you on the state of the Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust. Our board of directors and staff take great pride and a deep sense of responsibility in serving as stewards of this important asset.

In 2017, the Endowment Trust was able to provide over \$844,000 to the annual operating budget of the Church. In addition, the Trust filled 12 grant requests and distributed over \$89,000 to important Church missions and ministries. This annual report highlights some of these special programs.

None of this would have been possible without generous gifts from you and those that came before us. In 2017, contributions to the Endowment Trust, together with gains from investments, grew the Trust's total assets to over \$22 million as of the end of the year, representing an annual net increase in funds of over 14%.

We hope you find this report to be informative and even inspirational when you see the impact that your Endowment Trust has had on our Church, and the lives in our community. Thank you for your continued support, and thank you for all that you do to make our Church and our community a better place.

Strengthen Endowment Trust



TRIBUTE GIFTS

Your tribute gift helps Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust provide resources for mission and ministry year after year.

Gifts can be given in celebration of someone special to honor a birthday, baptism or other special milestone.

Gifts may be given in memory of a loved one who has passed away, in celebration of his or her life.

In both cases, we will notify the person you designate with a card and special message.

PLANNED GIFTS

Another way to contribute to the Endowment Trust and ensure Village's future is by remembering Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust in your will or trust. Charitable bequests can include cash, securities, life insurance, bonds and stock, real estate or retirement plans.

When you remember Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust in your estate plan, you become a member of the Meneilly Legacy Society.

We invite you to consult your financial planner or attorney about how these options could benefit you as well as the future of Village Church.



2017 ENDOWMENT TRUST AUDITED FINANCIALS

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Beginning Fund Balance	\$16,939,177	\$19,183,835	\$19,869,296	\$18,891,386	\$19,694,842
Contributions	\$206,690	\$77,319	\$407,972	\$279,613	\$398,487
Gains on Investments	\$2,982,015	\$1,367,307	(\$256,286)	\$1,451,006	\$3,413,747
Grants	\$848,067	\$734,806	\$812,888	\$904,056	\$933,549
Operating Expense	\$95,980	\$24,359	\$10,150	\$23,107	\$35,210
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Endowment Trust Legacy Funds

The Endowment Trust has a general endowment fund and ten Legacy Funds. In 2017, \$844,343 from the general endowment fund provided significant support to the church's annual operating budget along with \$89,206 dispersed through Legacy Fund grants.

Grant proposals from the Village Church Session ministry committees requesting support from specific Legacy Funds are received by the Endowment Trust Board each year. Grants are then awarded, providing opportunities that would not have otherwise been possible, for these ministries to touch even more lives. The following stories reflect the impact that our Endowment Trust grants made in 2017.

LEAST OF THESE - COMMUNITY LINC

Community LINC is the first recipient of the Least of These Legacy Fund, a fund developed through the Now & Tomorrow, Village Church capital campaign. Community LINC provides housing and services for KC area families experiencing homelessness. It also provides counseling to help reduce the likelihood that teens and children become homeless themselves. Community LINC launched their trauma informed care program which includes renovating their lobby to make it more child friendly and comforting, developing curriculum on protective factors for youth, training staff on trauma, distributing 61 resiliency baskets and funding a children's program coordinator.



Nassia was a typical 10-year-old, but the course of her life was forever changed when Nassia's stepfather began sexually and physically abusing her. After eight years of foster homes and mental health issues, Nassia used drugs and lived on the streets. Since coming to Community LINC, Nassia and her future husband, Justin, are transformed.

Nassia feels safe and does not feel like a failure or that she deserved the abuse she endured for years. In the program, they took advantage of programs and participated in counseling, learned how to budget, paid off past-due debts and found employment. They are excited about preparing to move into their new home and participating in aftercare programming.



Endowment Trust Legacy Funds



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY LEGACY FUND

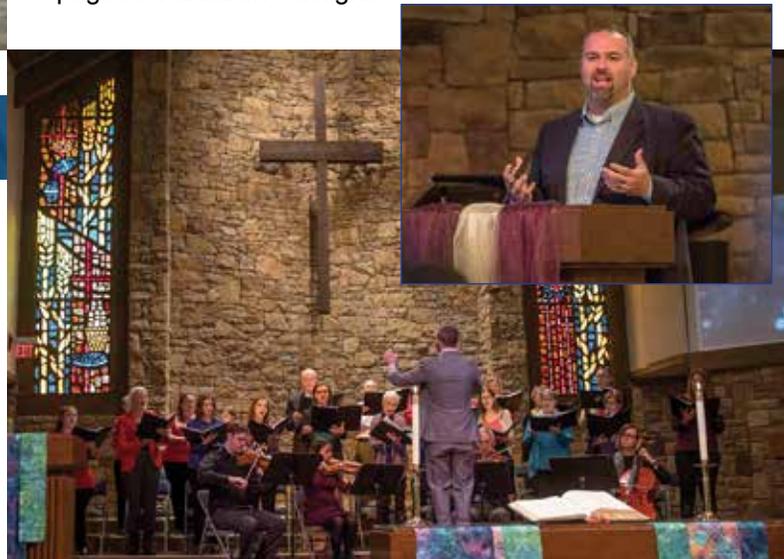
Two Village Church preschool representatives attended the HighScope International Conference in Detroit, Michigan. Classroom practices in the Village Church on Mission Preschool are based on the principles of the HighScope curriculum. The teachers who attended shared what they learned with the rest of the preschool staff.

Youth area improvement and updating were accomplished with painting and addressing sound issues. Both the Youth Loft and the Upper Room were painted.

Child-sized tables and chairs for the Welcome Center make it clear that not only are children welcome, they are expected and planned for. Two wooden tables and eight chairs are supplied with crayons and coloring pages for children's delight.

MISSION LEGACY FUND & FIRST DECISION LEGACY FUND

Two legacy funds were used to support Village on Antioch operating expenses as the new congregation becomes established. Some of the cost expenses that were offset by these funds include personnel for a new site pastor, music and administrative support, utility expenses and marketing costs.



SEMINAR LEGACY FUND

The 2017 Meneilly Conference focused on the intersection between science, faith and environmental change. The science and faith intersection was studied through climate change partnered with care for God's creation. The theme "Journey to the Arctic and Antarctic," explored how climate change is affecting the polar ice caps and our part in helping to care for God's creation. Dr. John Smol, one of the world's leading climatologists and professor in the department of biology at Queen's University in Kingston, ON, led the conversations.

Endowment Trust Legacy Funds



FOOD PANTRY LEGACY FUND

This grant was used to purchase food from local retailers and the Harvesters Community Food Network. This grant also provided funds for purchase of milk, meat and canned vegetables in addition to the individual food donations received by the Village Church Food Pantry.

FACILITIES LEGACY FUND

Landscaping along the Welcome Center and linking it into the Memorial Garden made the west side of the building look complete and cohesive. Landscaping included installing trees, sod and irrigation.



ADULT LEGACY FUND

Village Church called two young adults to share summer internships for the pastoral care ministry and the environment action committee. They provided support and leadership in both areas.

Computer Ministries replaced eight computers as an important part of Adult Educational Ministries. Computer classes are well attended, and several classes have a waiting list. Classes taught by volunteers provide one-on-one instruction. Both church members and community members participate.



MUSIC LEGACY FUND

Music Ministry received Endowment Trust funds for three exciting concerts in the fall of 2017: Doug Cleveland in Concert – An Organ Dedication event, Fall Sacred Choral Concert and the 17th Annual Tidings of Joy concert. These concerts were free to attend and two beneficiaries were for the Haitian Christian Mission and the Jewish Vocational Services Refugee Services.



The Meneilly Society

The Meneilly Society is a group of members and friends who have chosen to support the future of Village Church through their estate planning or other means of deferred financial assistance.

We are thankful for our Meneilly Society members. Their support will help continue the services provided by Village Church to our members, our community and our world for generations to come.

If you have included Village Presbyterian Church in your estate, please contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325.

MENEILLY SOCIETY MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Honorary Members: Shirley* and Bob Meneilly

Anonymous (26)

Jane Abildgaard

Allen Acheson*

Carol and Tom Are

Ann Arndt

Judy Baird

Janet Baker*

Ginny and Scott Beall

Jane Beeler*

Ruth and Al Biggs

Jan and Todd Bleakley

Marilyn and Roger Borel

Jim Borthwick

Judy and Tom Bowser

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Marilyn and Sam Brewster

Joan Brown

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Lexa and Scott Carr

Eleanor* and William* Chestnut

Barbara Choplin

Frances Clarke

Jennie Clarke

Candy and Jack Clevenger

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Jenny McDevitt

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Janice Newberry

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Miriam and Don* Thompson

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Krista and Geoffrey Tolsdorf

Carol Tucker

Kathleen and Bill Wilkes

Priscilla H. and Rodney* Wilson

Bobby* and John D.* Work

Susan and Leslie Young

Joan* and Ray* Zook

*Deceased



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A gift to the Endowment Trust is an investment in the future of Village Church. The Village Presbyterian Endowment Trust Board invites you to consider making a gift to our Endowment Trust and encourages anyone with questions to please reach out to them.

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Tedrick Housh

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For information about gifts to our Endowment Trust, contact any board member or Molly Sirridge, director of Endowment Trust, at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.

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