

What is the 1923 Grace Society and Extended Ministry Endowment Fund?

The 1923 Grace Society is a way to ensure the growth and success of the Extended Ministry Endowment Fund. The purpose of the Extended Ministry Endowment Fund is to receive and manage extraordinary gifts and accumulated assets to enhance the outreach, benevolence and social ministries of the Congregation beyond and apart from the general operating budget of the Congregation. The Endowment Committee is to manage the Extended Ministry Endowment Fund.

1923 Grace Society Statement of Mission

Provide an extension of ministries to fulfill the greater Mission of Grace Lutheran Church ... To WELCOME all people into the community of God's Grace, NURTURE disciples who live in faith, EQUIP witnesses who share the Gospel, and SEND ministers who serve in love.

Ways to Give...

1. Give a gift directly to the Endowment by making a check payable to "Grace Lutheran Church" and listing Endowment Fund in the memo line.
2. Leave a Legacy Gift through your estate plan. There are a number of ways to do this:
 - Update a primary beneficiary form to include a percentage to Grace Lutheran Church with the address and include Tax ID EIN 57-0611642.
 - Include Grace in your Will listing a specified amount to the Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund and include the address and Tax ID EIN 57-0611642.
3. Our recommended method is to work with our NC and SC Regional Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation, Stephanie Burke. This is a free resource to all SC Synod congregations to assist with estate planning. She will meet with you to learn your desires for gifting to Grace and help you plan out the best assets for the gift with step-by-step instructions. You may contact her directly at 704.293.9436 or email stephanie.burke@elca.org. Working with Stephanie is completely confidential.

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1923 Grace Society



What's in a name?

You may be wondering about the name "1923 Grace Society". It is named to observe the year Grace Lutheran Church was founded in 1923, primarily to serve Winthrop students.

The first organized effort to establish a Lutheran church in Rock Hill began in 1920 when the President of Synod, Dr. H.J. Black, deemed it wise to establish a church in this city. However, a small band of Lutherans began holding regular services in Rock Hill as early as 1914.

When the decision was made to begin a Lutheran congregation in Rock Hill, the Chamber of Commerce offered the use of their hall as a place of worship. Local Lutherans gladly accepted and organized a congregation of 14 charter members.

On April 15, 1923, a temporary church was established. On June 21st the church adopted the ULCA (United Lutheran Church in America) model constitution and chose the name Grace. On July 1, 1923, the congregation called its first pastor, Reverend H. A. Schroder.

It is from these beginnings that Grace has grown to approximately 575 members with a mission to serve the community and beyond. The purpose of the 1923 Grace Society and Extended Ministry Endowment Fund is to fulfill Grace's mission and provide greater support of its ministries beyond what is capable of the budget alone.

A Gift to Grace Can Be Forever



How Can a Gift to Grace Be Forever?

The Extended Ministry Endowment Fund makes disbursement to deserving ministries only from funds accumulated from interest, dividends or gains through wise investment planning. Therefore, the fund can never have value less than the aggregate amount of the combined gifts to the fund. The dividends from your gift will continue to contribute to available funds for disbursement to deserving ministries forever.

An Invitation to Join the 1923 Grace Society

Members of the 1923 Grace Society have expressed their commitment to the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church through the Extended Ministry Endowment Fund.

Members are those friends of Grace Lutheran Church who have planned a gift through their will, estate, trust, life insurance policy, annuity or other charitable gift avenues and have notified the Endowment Committee of such gift.

Membership Benefits

Your membership involves no dues, obligations, or solicitations, but it does allow us to thank you and recognize you for the plans you have made, and it may inspire generosity in others.

The most important benefit is the satisfaction derived from making a gift that keeps growing and contributing to deserving ministries. However, you will also be recognized, if desired, with your name on the 1923 Grace Society members plaque permanently located in the Narthex of the church.

How to Join

Simply contact a member of the Endowment Committee and notify them of your planned gift and complete a 1923 Grace Society member profile form.