

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Mission Endowment Fund was established to enhance the mission outreach of Beautiful Savior apart from the general operation of the church. No portion is used for the congregation operating budget nor for items deemed to be the responsibility of the congregation. A five member committee elected by the congregation administers the fund. The pastor and a representative from the Church Council serve as advisory members.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

Beautiful Savior's endowment fund provides that at least half of the income must be used for mission outreach and benevolence projects in our local community, the SW Washington Synod, or for the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, both in this continent and in the world. The remainder of the income can be used for new ministry opportunities in our congregation including scholarships, leadership training, start-up costs for new programs and, on a matching basis, for building programs or debt reduction.

HOW IT IS BEING USED

One of the first grants from the Mission Endowment Fund was to nearby Bethel Lutheran Church in rapidly growing Brush Prairie to establish in it's basement a place for teenagers to hang out after school. Now, many years later the Rock Solid Teen Center enjoys the support of the schools and community, plus financial support from businesses such as Fred Meyer and Les Schwab. Grants are also being made to the prison ministry at Shelton, WA and Lutheran Community Services, Vancouver which provides mental health counseling and has crime victim advocacy and refugee programs. Recently two Burmese families who had spent years in a refugee camp for religious persecution and were relocated to Vancouver, were helped by Lutheran Community Service volunteers who assisted them in learning English and cultural awareness. It also assisted in identifying skills and developing resumes for job placement. The agency's goal is to have refugees self sufficient within 120 days after their arrival.

The Mission Endowment fund has provided several grants to Beautiful Savior in support of it's music and youth programs. Grants have also gone to help establish the community garden and the current Eagle Scout project to expand and improve the children's outdoor play area.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Mutual Endowment Fund Committee asks church members to consider contributing to the fund in appreciation of Beautiful Savior's ministries and a desire expand them through this fund. Checks are to be made out to the church with a notation it is for the Mutual Endowment Fund. Two former members, now deceased, have made gifts through their estates. If you have not already done so, please consider it the next time you update your will or trust.

MEF Committee: Bob Bailey, Bob Eaton, Fred Hagelstein, Tom Harriman & Joan Pihl.