



“My encouragement would be to think about your organization and its mission. If it has anything long term, beyond your lifetime, I think it’s important to understand what an endowment fund might mean. It’s a gift that hangs in there, in perpetuity forever. It gives an opportunity to know that even when God calls us home, the gifts he gave us are still working in the world, in the mission field.” —**KAREN FISCHER**

When Karen Fischer was president of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS), she knew that the LWMS members were so passionate about WELS mission work that they wanted to continue to support that work even after they were in heaven.

They simply didn’t want their giving to end. So Karen reached out to WELS Foundation to establish endowment funds for LWMS—funds that steadily make annual distributions to the gospel work that LWMS supports, until the Lord returns. Those distributions help fund ministries like WELS Campus Ministry, which reaches college students with the gospel at a critical time in their lives.



**WELS Foundation helps God’s people support the ministries they care about.**

One of those ways is through an **endowment**, which is an ideal way to leave a legacy of faith and also involve others in the joy of giving. Endowments are easy to establish, and once established, they make steady annual distributions to ministry that increase as the fund grows. The benefits also increase as gifts are made to the endowment, either by you or others. **WELS Foundation can assist donors through every step of setting up an endowment.**

Learn how an **endowment** can benefit your ministry:



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- Contact your local WELS Christian giving counselor at [mcg@wels.net](mailto:mcg@wels.net) or 800-827-5482
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