

GRACE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH  
LEGACY FUNDS

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## WHAT ARE THE LEGACY FUNDS?

- The Legacy Funds are comprised of gifts and bequests made by or in memory of members or friends of Grace Church. The money that has been given to Grace over the years has been a continued blessing allowing the church to pay for unanticipated emergency and building expenses. In addition, an annual draw from the Fund supplements members' annual pledges allowing Grace Church to continue missions locally and globally.

## 2 TYPES: ENDOWED OR NOT ENDOWED

- Endowed – The church may only spend the income on the donation. The original principle is not to be touched.
- Not Endowed – The church may spend the full amount

A photograph of a church interior during Christmas. The scene is dimly lit, with a large, ornate organ in the background. A Christmas tree is decorated with red and white lights and garlands. The text "RESTRICTED OR NOT RESTRICTED" is overlaid in white, bold, capital letters.

# RESTRICTED OR NOT RESTRICTED

- *Unrestricted Gifts:* Monies or other property given to the Church through The Grace Fund, which may be used for any Church purpose or expenditure.
- *Restricted Gifts:* Monies or other property given to the Church, which may be used only for a particular purpose. Restricted funds are divided into four categories:
  - People and Program Fund
  - Buildings and Ground Fund
  - Mission and Service Fund
  - Music and the Performing Arts

# HOW ARE THE FUNDS INVESTED?

- The Legacy Fund Trustees make investment decisions guided by the Legacy Fund Policy
- The current trustees are:
  - Dr. Randy Kelly,
  - Robert Ide
  - Bill Bannerman
- The funds are currently invested with United Church Funds (UCF) in their moderate growth fund (60% stock and 40% bond). I believe the trustees are considering moving to a fossil fuel free fund with UCF.

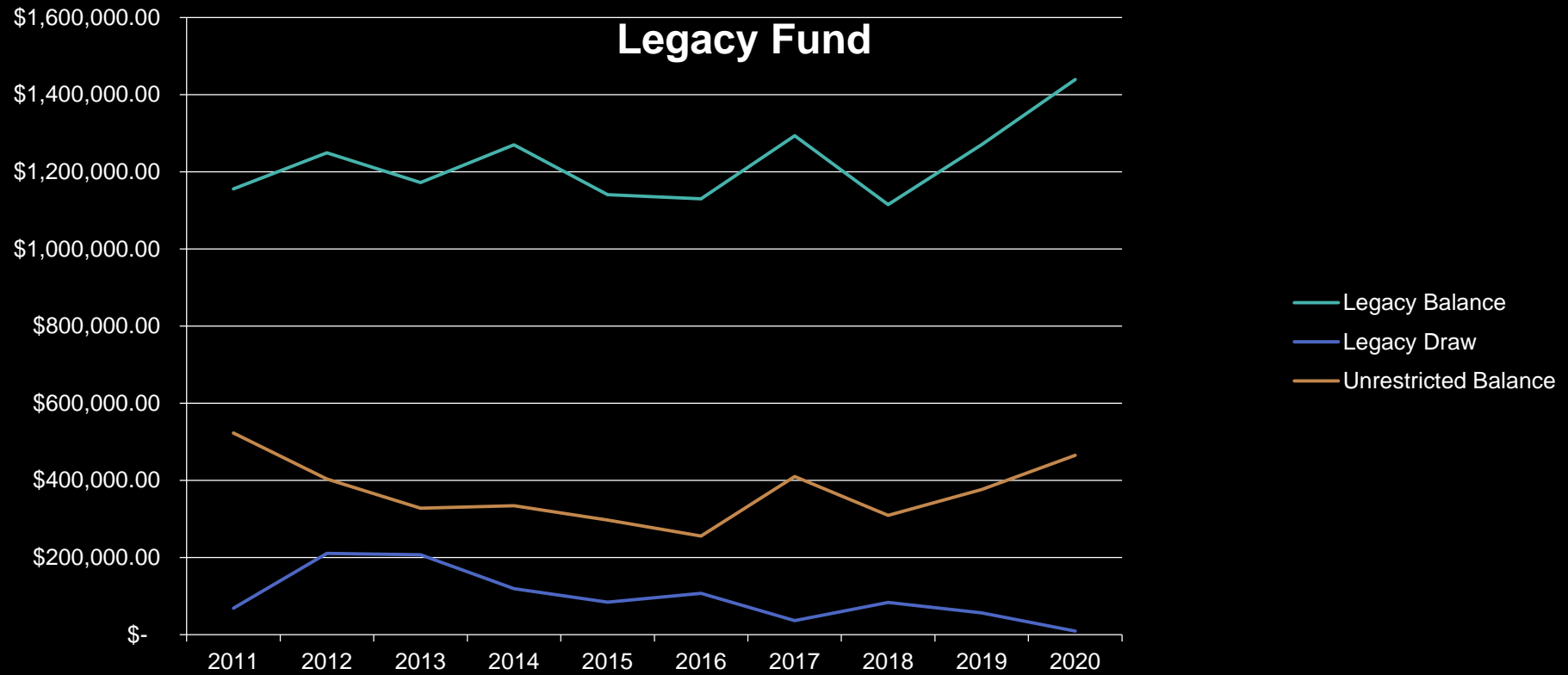
# HOW CAN THE FUNDS BE SPENT?

- Annual Draw: Up to 5% of the 5-year average of the endowed unrestricted funds can be used to support the annual budget
- Draws that meet the requirements of a restricted fund may also be included in the annual budget.
- Non budgeted draws that meet the requirements of a restricted fund can be approved by the Church Council during the year.
- Non budgeted draws from the unrestricted funds require a majority vote of the congregation.

# HOW CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE

1. Bequest – (Will or Trust) Instructions to leave to the Legacy Funds of Grace Congregational UCC of Rutland, VT. Without further instructions it will be placed with the non endowed Grace Funds.
2. Some people have created funds while one or more of the spouses is still alive and contributed a few times including when the last spouse passes.
3. There might be tax advantages to donating appreciated stock (for you or your estate) see your accountant.

# BALANCES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS





# EXAMPLE LEGACY FUND RECORDS

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	<u>Date of Bequest</u>	<u>Fund Designation</u>	<u>Amount of Original Bequest</u>	<u>Fund Balance 12/31/2019</u>
GRACE FUND				
<u>NON-ENDOWED GRACE FUND</u>				
Edith Aborn	1973		\$ 10,492.25	4,979.96
Mabel M. Ackley	1952		819.94	2,169.52
Ednah Appell	1999		25,000.00	158.16
Lloyd E. Aldrich	1974		500.00	2,049.22
Myra A. Bagley	1991-94		84,484.25	12,161.22
Doris K. Belden	1987		1,000.00	245.36
Rita A. Bole	1990		5,000.00	103.67
William Bragg	1908		1,000.00	733.50
Robert H. Branchaud	1992		8,000.00	994.19
Helen E. Brown	1923		2,184.05	2,089.82
E.D. & Wilmahetta Burditt	1966		1,000.00	373.51
Linda A. Carlson	1989		1,000.00	190.80
Ruth Axtell Chalmers	1980		10,055.00	2,846.27
Mary P. Clark (1/2)	1929		2,500.00	978.12
Angela Combes	2017		20,000.00	20,143.10
Laura B. Cramton	1924		1,000.00	422.17
Mary E. Cramton	1908		1,000.00	382.76
Sarah Curtis	2016		500.00	496.24

# RESTRICTED FUND EXAMPLES

- Charles & Eleanor Johnson – Provided \$5000/year for Little People's School Scholarships
- J. Allen Taylor Piano Fund – Covers tuning of the grand piano every year
- Janice Haseltine – Special Music Programs
- Barbara Mellow – Theological Education (originally Bangor Seminary)
- Chester & Josephine Eaton – Higher Education Scholarships
- John Hilliard – Poor & Needy
- Axel & Jane Anderson – Library Books and Annual Meeting Flowers