

I would like to make a gift to the Visalia Wesley Foundation in the amount of

\$ _____

I want my gift to go to:

____ The Opportunity Fund

____ The Harry Wood Endowment Fund

Please contact me with more information about giving to the Foundation through:

____ wills, trusts, or annuities

____ stocks, bonds or other securities

____ a gift of personal property

____ a gift of real estate

____ a life insurance policy

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Comments or special requests: _____

*Each one must do as he
has made up his mind,
not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves
a cheerful giver.*

- II Corinthians 9:7



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WHY DO WE NEED A FOUNDATION?

Your regular tithes and offerings are used by the church for its many ministries and operating expenses. But what happens when there are special projects and needs that aren't covered in the church's annual budget? The Visalia Wesley Foundation provides a way for you to make **extra** gifts for these special purposes. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, and its mission is to encourage, receive and invest gifts to grow the Kingdom of God.

WHAT WILL THE FOUNDATION DO WITH MY GIFT?

When you give to the Foundation, you may choose whether your gift will be used now or later.

If you give to the Foundation's **Opportunity Fund**, your gift will be used to finance current needs and projects that would otherwise not be possible. The present goal of the Foundation is to provide financial support for the following ministries:

- Programs for youth
- Evangelism in the community
- Congregational development

As unbudgeted needs and opportunities arise, the Board will make them known so that you can partner with the Foundation in providing this critical support.

If you give to the **Harry Wood Endowment Fund**, your gift will become a permanent part of the endowment principal and will never be spent. The principal is invested by the Foundation's Board of Directors so that income is generated for future use. As the endowment principal grows through the generosity of givers, the income it earns will become a significant source of extra funds. These funds will be available for:

- Family Programs
- Missions
- Property Endowment

HOW CAN I MAKE A GIFT?

The Foundation is not funded by your regular weekly or monthly giving but by **special current gifts** and **planned future gifts**. Over the course of a lifetime, people accumulate money and other assets that they want to use or leave for the benefit of their family. Remember that the church is your family too! There are many ways you can make a gift to the Opportunity Fund or the Endowment Fund that will provide a current benefit to you and a lasting benefit to your church family.

TYPES OF GIFTS

A **cash gift** provides an income tax deduction in the year of the gift. It is the easiest and most common gift. It may also be a **memorial gift** or **celebration gift**, in honor of a loved one or special event.

A **gift of stocks or bonds** that have appreciated in value since purchase will benefit both the donor and the Foundation because the donor receives a tax deduction for the present value and the Foundation does not pay income tax on the built-in gain when it sells the stock.

Gifts of real estate and personal property provide similar tax benefits to both the donor and the Foundation.

A **life insurance policy** that is paid up and no longer needed to protect a family member may be an inexpensive way to make a gift.

FORMS OF GIVING

An **outright gift** may be cash or other assets.

A **testamentary gift** is made through your will or trust.

A **charitable remainder trust** allows you to retain an income stream, and what remains at your death will go to the Foundation.

A **gift annuity** allows you to make a current, tax-deductible gift to the Foundation and to receive annuity payments for life.



Let the Wesley Foundation turn your extra gifts into extraordinary blessings!