Generosity & Endowment Committee
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Can We?

What's the question? This: Can we prepare now so that future generations at Resurrection Lutheran Church will continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the community and world, living out our mission to be the "presence of Christ…?"

Yes, we can!

Yes. We can get ready now to ensure that the future faithful people at Resurrection will have the financial means to support ministries that we cannot even imagine today. As Jesus was walking the dusty roads from village to village, He knew there was work to do without knowing exactly what was around the bend. At RLC, ministry in the next generation might be feeding more people, seeking housing for more people, or teaching people about Christ in new ways, or bringing people back closer to God through caring ministries that haven't even been invented. Shouldn't Resurrection be ready then? Of course.

We have already started by gathering permanent funds in the RLC Endowment Fund. Earnings will be available later for needs identified by the pastors and church council. The Fund is relatively small now but growing: Endowment giving through June 30th is more than $60,000! (OK, not like Harvard's $50 billion+ endowment, but a good start.)

Those who choose to support future ministries through endowment donations should know that the fund is professionally managed through the ELCA Foundation and that only the earnings will be used by decision of the pastors and church council. Contributions of any size are welcome, and legacy gifts through estate plans (get free professional help in planning legacy gifts from our ELCA Foundation regional gift planner, Lisa Higginbotham) will especially strengthen the impact of the endowment on future ministries.

Hello tomorrow, meet Generational Generosity!