Generosity & Endowment Committee
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THANKS TO OUR SAINTS, OUR CUPS RUNNETH OVER

Each year, as we move at RLC toward the precious remembrances of All Saints Day, our cups do "runneth over" in gratitude for the saints in our church family, especially those who have passed in the last year. We remember all the saints who have served at RLC helping to build our abundant ministries but who have left their earthly homes.

How can we honor our saints? One important way is to make sure that the foundation of ministry we have established here with their help remains strong and grows to meet opportunities for service in the name of Jesus, some future ministries that we can't even imagine yet.

That sounds a bit like investing for the future. Yep. So we honor our saints when we prepare for future ministry? Right again. Like building up our RLC Endowment Fund? Yep, you got it.
How is our fund doing? Thanks to generous people at RLC, it's growing persistently. RLC has about $380,000 invested in the ELCA Ministry Growth Fund, managed professionally by the Fund Evaluation Group. (Details of the Ministry Growth Fund can be found on the RLC website under "Giving Resources.") As our RLC Endowment Fund is a permanent fund, only the earnings are available to spend for ministry. For now, the earnings on the endowment are modest. But with $1 million in our endowment fund, we could have thousands of dollars in earnings each year to support needs identified by the pastors and council. (How about $10 million in the fund?)

We can honor the foundation built by our saints AND "be the presence of Christ…" by boosting our RLC Endowment Fund. Legacy or immediate gifts acknowledge the saints and the potential of our ministry here. GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE WELCOME. And get free professional help from the ELCA Foundation.