

Endowment ~ Long-Term Giving 22 for 22 Endowment Campaign



The Acorn Society was so named because our endowment represents the “trees we did not plant, under whose shade we sit,” to acknowledge that a gift to the endowment lives forever, and will benefit the Fellowship far into the future, even when the donor might no longer benefit from the Fellowship’s ministries.

One of those donors is Lois Hibbard who was a member of our Fellowship starting in 2000, and who passed from life in 2016. Her gift to the endowment was one of the largest we have received, and it has remained there, untouched, and will continue to remain and grow long into the future.

Our current endowment balance is \$337,628 and we have reached the point in the growth of that fund when distributions can be made from the interest. Each year, an amount based on an average percentage of the interest gained over three years is transferred to the *Mission Account* which has yet to be utilized, but could be at any time if the governing board decides to use it for our operating budget or for special projects. Until it is used, that *Mission Account* continues to be part of our investment account, and the funds continue to grow.

Additionally, the funds in our endowment are combined with those from other UU congregations in the UUA Common Endowment Fund which invests ethically and helps us have a larger impact through those investments. The Common Endowment Fund also has a good return rate, so it is a sound investment for our values and for the financial future of the Fellowship.

If you are already an acorn, thank you so much! If you want to become an acorn by donating to the endowment or letting us know that you have named the Fellowship in your will, bequest, or other end-of-life estate plans, please reach out to our endowment team at endowment@fvuuf.org. The members of the Acorn Society will be invited to a special celebration in the spring and we hope to add your name to that list!