



## Participation and Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How would my participation in the Endowment Foundation differ from my regular giving/tithing?***

These two types of giving have two different purposes. Your gift to the Endowment Foundation supports the church's long-term viability through annual distributions to the church. Your regular gifts to Unity Church of Hawai'i support all of the current day-to-day operations of the church including services, classes, administration, and general maintenance and improvement of the church property.

### ***How does an Estate Plan work, and does it relate to participation in the Endowment Foundation?***

An Estate Plan can be legally established for an individual or a couple usually with the help of an Estate Planner. A major aspect of a plan serves to specify how and where any assets you own will be distributed upon your passing, usually through a will and/or a trust. An Estate Plan often includes other provisions of importance as well, such as living wills and health care powers of attorney. In your Estate Plan, you can specify if you would like any of your assets to go to the Unity of Hawai'i Endowment Foundation.

### ***Do I need to have an Estate Plan to participate?***

No. Although the Endowment Foundation generally receives gifts from those who have named the Endowment Foundation in their Estate Plan, individuals or couples may also choose to make donations to the Foundation at any time and in any amount. Just designate that your gift is to go to the Unity of Hawai'i Endowment Foundation. You may wish to contact a Foundation representative for assistance or further information.

### ***Where can I get more information about Estate Planning if I want to consider setting one up?***

There are many sources of information about Estate Planning. Local Estate Planning firms can be searched for on the internet. These firms can be contacted for assistance or participation at an upcoming webinar, zoom conference, or face-to-face presentation at designated locations. You will also find a link to an estate planning guide on our website under resources.

### ***What kind of contributions can be made to the Endowment Foundation?***

The Endowment Foundation gratefully receives many types of gifts, such as the following:

- Wills and Bequests
- Proceeds from Retirement Accounts or Tax Deferred Instruments
- Cash and Personal Checks
- Savings Bonds and CD's
- Stock Certificates, Mutual Funds, or Bonds traded on a Public Exchange
- Life Estate Gifts
- Named Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy
- Tangible Personal Property and Real Estate

***Can Unity help me with arranging for a gift?***

Yes. We can explain to you the various ways in which the Foundation can receive your gifts and be benefited by them. Although we cannot provide legal or tax advice, we may assist you in finding appropriate outside resources if needed. If you already have a lawyer, accountant or financial planner, that professional may help you with the details of including the Endowment Foundation in your plans.

***Will Unity be making any special presentations related to the Endowment Foundation or Estate Planning?***

Based on the expressions of interest by members and friends of Unity Church, the Foundation hopes to provide special presentations.

***What would be the first step for me if I want to discuss my interest with someone?***

You can contact a Foundation representative by simply phoning the church office at (808) 735-4436 or sending an e-mail to [Foundation@unityhawaii.org](mailto:Foundation@unityhawaii.org). A follow-up call or visit to you will be arranged. Special informational meetings at the church may also be conducted from time to time.

***Is there any timeframe for me to consider making a gift?***

No. Arrangements for making a gift can be done at any time. If you want to leave a gift when you pass on, you can set up an estate plan or update your current one to include Unity of Hawai'i Endowment Foundation. Gifts outside of an estate plan are gratefully received in any amount and at any time.