

Furthering the Mission & Ministries of the Kirk through Endowment Funds

In 2017 the Endowment Fund was able to distribute over \$19,000 to help further the ministries, missions and activities as follows:

The **Worship Ministry Team** is grateful to the Kirk Endowment for allocating funds for establishing a video streaming capability and excited about the new dimension it will add to the church's ministry.

Our vision is that those who are currently unable to participate in person will receive, via video, the blessing and spiritual enrichment of God's message as presented by our pastors and other service leaders each Sunday morning.

The initial use of the funds will be for the purchase of cameras, other hardware and software to create video of reasonable quality and dynamic nature. The first implementation will display the worship service over the church's in-house network. However, the ultimate goal is to stream the services to anyone with Internet access, in particular to our shut-in and infirm members.

The **Christian Education, Mission Team and Neighborhood Ministry teams** were granted funds from the Endowment committee toward the purchase of an additional passenger van. This will enable the neighborhood ministry to continue to flourish with additional capacity to reach more children and their families. In addition, the Kirk's current mini-bus is constantly in use by the KOALA program, Kirk youth group, summer enrichment program, neighborhood ministries and vacation bible school. With so many competing demands for the mini-bus, an additional van will enable us to transport more children and foster greater participation in Kirk outreach programs. It is an exciting time in the world of Christian education and missions and we are excited to be able to reach more people!

The **Mission and Neighborhood Ministry team** is extremely blessed to receive money from the Endowment Fund to assist in the hiring of a youth and preschool supervisor for the Summer Enrichment Program. The Kirk partnered with two other churches to fund these positions which have allowed us to minister to so many children and families within our community.

The **Buildings and Grounds Committee** has been busy continuing to make our sanctuary and grounds beautiful. With the distribution from the Endowment Fund we were able to put brass kick plates on the doors between the Sanctuary and the Narthex. This not only will preserve the doors but also improves their aesthetic appeal. In addition we were extremely grateful to receive funds in an effort to continue to support Boy Scout projects which improve the landscaping and appearance of our church along High Meadow Road.

Thank you on behalf of the **Guatemala Mission committee** and participants for the generous distribution of Endowment funds this year to help ensure the critical connection with our partners in Guatemala continues to thrive. Sharing Christ's love through our actions to the world is part of living our faith and not only provides much needed development assistance to our friends in Pala, but demonstrates the Kirk's gratitude for God's many blessings. The money will be used as a stipend to offset costs of travel for Kirk members going to Guatemala. Prices for Airfare between Raleigh and Guatemala have increased almost 50% in the past 3 years. Additionally, we carry a lot of supplies down in checked luggage for which airlines are now charging (a cost which the travelers are mostly bearing).

On behalf of the **CE-Youth team**, thank you for the endowment fund distribution to provide scholarship funds for our lively youth group. The money will go towards supplementing travel costs for middle-schoolers participating in the Massanetta youth conference and high-schooler's volunteering in ASP (Appalachia Service Project). Not all families have the funds to allow their kids' to participate (especially for families with multiple kids in youth group at once). These scholarship funds show our youth the Kirk is fulfilling its promise to broaden their perspective while enriching their Christian foundation, build Christian relationships with friends, and make an impact in our broader community through ASP.

Thank you for the Endowment distribution for **CE-Youth team** to provide additional scholarship funds for our older-children's retreat. We will take the children on an over-night retreat, which will help them form stronger relationships, go deeper in their faith, and have a great time. This money means more kids will be able to go via scholarship and we'll be able to defray the price for others to participate. We have an active youth group and retreats like these help deepen their faith and Christian friendships.