

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TWO FUNDS WITHIN THE UNION CHURCH ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

December 15, 2008

Whereas:

By resolution dated December 15, 2008, Union Church has approved the creation of an Endowment Program;

Section B of Article Six of the Endowment Program Resolution permits the Charge Conference to establish “Funds for specific purposes” within the Endowment Program;

It is desirable that donors be able to direct their gifts to specific defined purposes;

Providing guidance on the use and management of Endowment Program assets will enhance transparency and build trust in the Endowment Program;

We are guided by Scripture that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbors:

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

(Matthew 22:37b-40, NIV; also Mark 12:29-31 and Luke 10:27)

Therefore, it is resolved that:

ARTICLE ONE – DEFINITIONS

As used in this Resolution, capitalized terms shall have the definitions below.

1. Resolution – this document, as may be amended.

2. Endowment Program – the framework for managing long-term financial assets of Union Church, as defined in the Endowment Program Resolution.
3. Endowment Program Resolution – the “Resolution Establishing an Endowment Program for Union Church of Belgrade Lakes, United Methodist” adopted December 15, 2008.
4. Fund – one of the two restricted funds created by this Resolution, to be managed as part of the Endowment Program. References to “fund” or “funds” (not capitalized) refers generically to assets managed by the Endowment Program.
5. Gifts – anything of monetary value that is offered for contribution to the Endowment Program, including but not limited to cash, stocks, bonds, other financial instruments, real estate, jewelry, art or other valuable items, insurance policies, loans, or ownership interests.
6. Historic Dollar Value – the monetary value of a Gift at the time it is made.
7. Union Church – Union Church of Belgrade Lakes, United Methodist, presently located in Belgrade, Maine.

All other terms used in this Resolution shall have their ordinary definition.

ARTICLE TWO – ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS

1. As soon as is practical, the Board of Trustees shall establish, or cause to be established, two funds within the Endowment Program, named the “Spiritual Resource Fund” and the “Community Assistance Fund,” to be administered and managed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

ARTICLE THREE – PURPOSE OF FUNDS

1. Each Fund is to receive, manage and disburse assets consistent with the purpose of each Fund.
2. The purpose of the Spiritual Resource Fund is to provide for the support and growth of Union Church as a place of Christian worship. This includes but is not limited to support of regular and special worship services; Christian education; repairs, improvements or additions to church property; and fellowship programs. Except in the event of emergency, it is not the purpose of this Fund to cover the normal operating costs of the church. However, the Fund may be used to provide initial or temporary support for programs not otherwise funded through the annual budget of the church.

3. The purpose of the Community Assistance Fund is to provide for the support and growth of Union Church's programs that help people meet their basic needs. This includes but is not limited to assistance in obtaining or keeping shelter, food, clothing, health care, employment, and education. Forms of assistance may include but are not limited to direct assistance to an individual or group of individuals, financial support of an organization providing basic needs, and seminars or workshops to enhance the ability of individuals to provide for their own basic needs. Rendering of assistance shall not be contingent on the recipients' spiritual beliefs. This Fund shall be used primarily to provide assistance to individuals or groups living in Kennebec County, Somerset County, and Franklin County. Except in the event of emergency, it is not the purpose of this Fund to replace or reduce the level of funding from the annual budget ordinarily provided for similar projects or activities.

ARTICLE FOUR – SPECIAL LIMITATIONS

1. Except as provided below, all aspects of the administration and management of the two Funds shall be carried out consistent with the Endowment Program Resolution, as amended from time to time, as well as with all applicable laws and regulations.
2. The following limitations apply to each of the two Funds, which may be modified or rescinded by the Charge Conference:
 - a. No withdrawals may be made from a Fund until the Historic Dollar Value of the Fund is at least \$25,000.
 - b. Withdrawals may be made only from the net appreciation, realized and unrealized, in the value of the Fund over the Historic Dollar Value of the Fund. Withdrawals that would result in the value of the Fund that is less than its Historic Dollar Value are not permitted.
 - c. For any year, total withdrawals from a Fund may not exceed 4% (four percent) of the Fund's average value as of September 30 of the three most recent preceding years. As used in this section, "year" shall mean the fiscal year of Union Church.

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THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF:

----- FOR ----- AGAINST ----- ABSTAINED,

AT A DULY CALLED MEETING OF THE CHARGE CONFERENCE OF UNION CHURCH OF BELGRADE LAKES, UNITED METHODIST HELD AT THE CHURCH ON DECEMBER 15, 2008, NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION HAVING BEEN GIVEN IN THE CALL OF THE MEETING.

Recording Secretary

District Superintendent

Pastor