

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Endowment Funds as of 1/2/2025

General Fund (Est. 1984)

Income from the fund will be used to support special religious, charitable, educational and benevolent projects for both Valley and outside group purposes. For Valley, to be used primarily for expenditures not usually in the general church budget.

Mission Fund (Est. 1984)

Income from the fund will be used to help support just and peaceful living, and to care for all of creation, from the environment, to people around the world, and to our neighbors next door.

Peteler/Van Beek Music Fund (Est. 1991)

Memorial to Philip E. Peteler and Jean C. Peteler and Penny VanBeek

Income to be used annually for special music programs. Funds would be available for special needs of music committee of Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

Ed and Joyce Beck Evangelism Fund (Est. 1991)

Memorial to Ed Beck and Joyce Beck

To interpret the term "evangelism" broadly as reaching out to spread the Good News of Christ and His Church. It is not intended to place rigid restrictions on use of income generated by this fund.

Coffin Family Bell Choir Fund (Est. 1992)

Gift from Helen Coffin

To use income from fund for bell choir purposes upon written request from the Director of the Bell choir. Income to be available for supplies, repairs, purchases of additional equipment or expenses incurred by Director for travel and/or conferences. In the event VCPC no longer has a Bell Choir, income would be made available for programs of VCPC.

Donna L. and Floyd A. Carlson Educational Fund (Est. 1995 and merged with the Educational Scholarships Fund in 2021)

Gift from Donna L. Carlson. In memory of Floyd A. Carlson

To provide financial support for those pursuing educational church-related opportunities and spiritual growth through seminary study, conferences, seminars, and on-line events. Covered expenses include travel, books, tuition, and room and board.

Robert Rice Child Development Fund (Est. 1997)

Income from the fund will be used to support children in need. Priority will be given to low-income families.

Barbara J. Johnston Scholarship For The Spiritual Education of Women (Est. 1999)

Gift from Barbara Johnston

To provide financial support for women pursuing educational, church-related opportunities such as seminary study, conferences, and seminars. Grants also available for women who are interested in deepening their spiritual and religious life through workshops, retreats, and on-line theological events. Covered expenses include travel, books, tuition, and room and board.

Elizabeth V. Hnatko Hicks Congregational Life Fund (Est. 2008)

In memory of Elizabeth V. Hnatko Hicks

To use the income from the fund to support congregational life within the church membership. Support could include special event expenses, hardship assistance, equipment/supplies involved in congregational life activities. These projects shall enhance and support the congregational life of the individual, group, or entire congregation of the church. Potential support should be broadly interpreted by the Endowment Fund Committee and may be expected to be adjusted to the ever-changing needs of the local church community.

The Isabels Building and Maintenance Fund: Isabel Snyder Rice & Isabel Leaf (Est. 2008)

In memory of Isabel Snyder Rice & Isabel Leaf

Maintenance and upkeep of physical properties of VCPC. Disbursements to be used for projects not included in the church annual operating budget; e.g. replacement of parking lot surface, replacement of boiler and or air conditioning systems, updating telephone system and office equipment. Annual disbursements will be allowed to accumulate until project(s) is identified.

Wendell & Marcella and Dean Gilkerson Pipe Organ Maintenance Fund (Est. 2008)

In memory of Wendell K. Gilkerson and Marcella H. Gilkerson

To use the income to maintain, repair or enhance the Valley Community Presbyterian Church Pipe Organ that was installed in 2007.

JacLyn Swanson Monroe Sicora Bodette Children's Ministry Fund (Est. 2009)

In memory of JacLyn Bodette

The income of this fund will be used to enhance the Children's Ministry Program at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. The Session and the Children's Ministry Committee can use the monies of the fund for special summer programs, Sunday

morning classes or children fellowship events. These monies are designated for Valley's children, but with session approval may include all of God's children.

Van Beek/Peteler VCPC and Community Military Personnel Family Assistance Fund (Est. 2010)

Income from this fund will be used primarily to help the families of VCPC men and women who are on active duty working to protect the freedom which allows us to worship at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. Secondly, funds can also be used to help Valley community veterans and their families who are having problems getting the resources they need and deserve for the sacrifices they have made.

Zorada Hoge Landscaping Fund (Est. 2012)

In memory of Zorada Hoge

The income of this fund will be used to beautify the outside areas of the church. For example, these monies could be used for such projects as planting new trees or shrubs, purchasing new outdoor furniture, maintaining the parking lot, enhancing the community garden, or funding other requests recommended by the Property Committee.

Zorada Hoge Pastoral Care Fund (Est. 2012)

In memory of Zorada Hoge

The income of this fund will be used to support both existing and new programs in pastoral care at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. For example, these monies could be used to supplement the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, provide funding for special care needs identified by the Deacons, help support the possible addition of a parish nurse position, or provide support for home bound members or families with special healthcare needs.

Karla Parks Clearwater Scholarship Fund (Est. 2014)

In memory of Karla Parks

To provide financial scholarships to adults who are in search of the peace and solace that Clearwater Forest and its 1,016 acres can provide. Scholarships would not be limited for women and men's retreat; youth and family scholarships could also be considered. At year-end if funding is needed to improve buildings or grounds of Clearwater Forest, those requests could also be considered.

Pete Peterson Youth Mission Fund (Est. 2016)

In memory of Warren (Pete) Peterson

To encourage and support children and youth in building the skills necessary to impact their world by serving those in need. Service may be in their own communities or beyond. Priority will be given to summer mission experiences. To receive a scholarship, children and youth must be active participants in the life of Valley.

Helen Potter Webb Technology and Communication Fund (Est. 2016)

In memory of Helen Potter Webb

To use income from this fund for advances in communication, technology, and internet services at Valley. Projects could include but are not limited to improvements to the website; internet access throughout the building; communication technology such as screens and sound systems; and projection equipment and video production promoting Valley to our neighbors, our community, and beyond. These projects would make Valley and its ministry accessible to others, while connecting members and visitors to resources which could improve their worship, faith formation and fellowship experience.

Allyson Graphenteen Youth Scholarship Fund (est. 2018)

In memory of Allyson Graphenteen

To ensure all youth and children can participate in activities that encourage faith formation and build relationships within the community. The scholarship is designated for Valley's youth, but with Session approval may include all of God's children.

Valley Family Stewardship Fund (est. 2018)

Income from this fund is intended to serve as a "pledge in perpetuity" by Valley families and friends to the VCPC annual stewardship campaign. At the beginning of the fiscal year, all income available from this fund will be disbursed.

Do Justice Fund (est. 2020)

In memory of LaRue Riewe and in honor of Nathan and Matthew Anderson

To create and support efforts that advance justice in our world, the DO JUSTICE fund will invest in significant solutions to issues connected (but not limited) to: the environment, church partner concerns, affordable housing, affordable health care, anti-racism, immigration reform, gun reform, and equity in education.

Martens' Noble Vision Fund (est. 2023)

To provide supplies and other support for students and classrooms, teachers, and staff at Noble Elementary School in Golden Valley. If Noble School is ever not viable, grants could be considered for other District 281 schools. Funds available would be transferred to a Valley Dedicated Account (Noble Vision) at the beginning of each calendar year, allowing Valley Tutors to utilize the money for classroom support. Noble Elementary school started in 1955, just a couple years after Valley Community Presbyterian Church was founded. Today, their classrooms are multicultural, and serve many low-income families in our community. Valley Community has many members who provide tutoring every week. Valley members could request money to purchase needed supplies and items for the classroom and students.

Martens' Addison TEAMS Fund (est. 2023)

To provide financial support to the TEAMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math, and Spirituality) program at Valley for supplies, special projects, and field trips. The TEAMS program is for children in 4th and 5th grade that engages kid in a wide variety of projects and outings that explore STEM principles, while also exploring their faith and building lasting relationships.

Liberty Future Scholars Fund (est. 2024)

In honor of Lois & Gordon Robinson and their 36+ years as teachers in North Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center

An anonymous estate gift was made to create the Liberty Future Scholars Fund. Income from this fund will be used to provide scholarships to high school graduates from Liberty Community Church and its 21st Century Scholars program who are furthering their education post high school.