

The NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund



Legacy Partners - Enduring Vision for Mission

The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) supports ministry and outreach programs in the Northern Texas - Northern Louisiana Synod, especially for smaller and rural churches. It's the synod's funding arm for its grant-giving ministry, and it has been **changing lives** since 1996.

The MEF gives grants to community-oriented mission projects through congregations, connecting us with people we might not reach otherwise. Bishop Erik Gronberg promotes this ministry by adding, "The Mission Endowment Fund of the NT-NL is a true sign that we are **#InMissionTogether**. The sole purpose of the MEF is to seed ministry to move our congregations outward in sharing the gospel in their communities."

Legacy Giving

Through legacy giving, you can designate a portion of your assets to be donated to the MEF after you pass away. Long after the end of your life, your gift will still be changing lives.

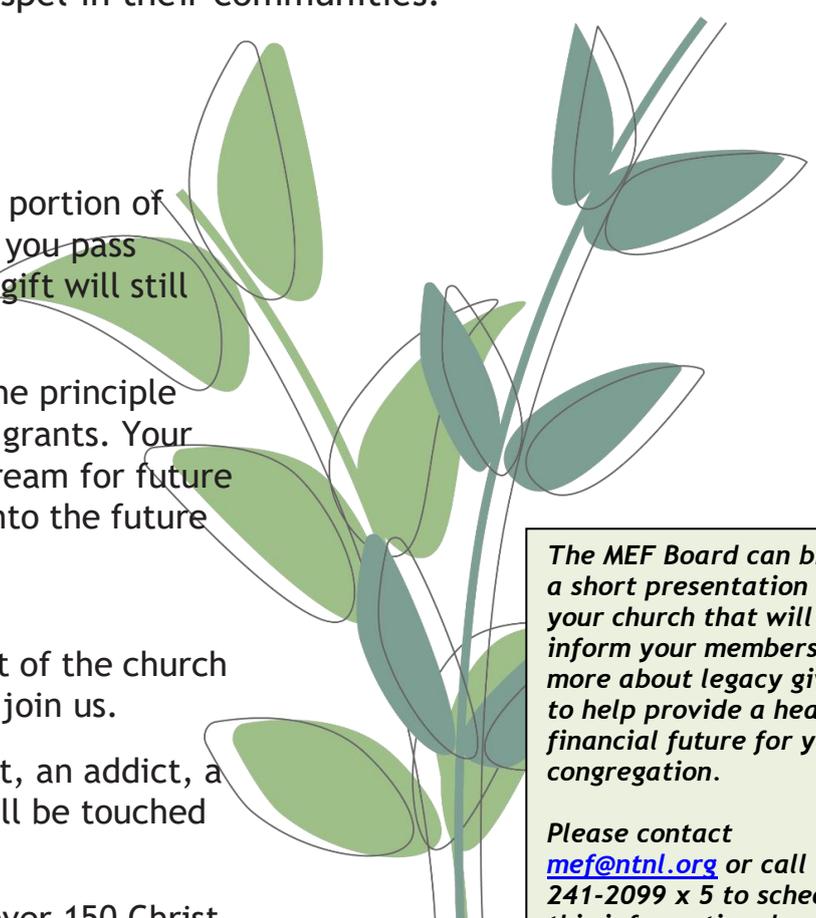
The MEF has grown to almost \$2 million. The principle is invested, and the income is used to fund grants. Your legacy gift will provide a lasting income stream for future ministry, continuing your stewardship far into the future

Make an Impact

We're deeply excited to extend our support of the church beyond our lifetimes, and we invite you to join us.

A gift from you means that a child, a parent, an addict, a student, a prisoner, or someone in need will be touched through the many ministries we support.

The MEF grant-giving ministry has funded over 150 Christ-centered ministries with over 1 million dollars since the first grant in 1996! Your legacy gift will help increase our reach and change more lives far into the future.



The MEF Board can bring a short presentation to your church that will inform your members more about legacy giving to help provide a healthy financial future for your congregation.

Please contact mef@ntnl.org or call 940-241-2099 x 5 to schedule this informational presentation.

Reasons to Give

Change lives: Your gift will change lives, and maybe even save lives, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Support ministries in need: The Mission Endowment Fund supports underfunded ministries and newly developing congregations.

Bless your church: Regardless of your financial resources, you could make a true difference for the future of the church you love.

Ongoing generosity: Keep giving year after year, long after you are gone. You are making an eternal gift. If you are passionate about giving while you are alive, why not stay passionate about giving afterwards?

How Can I Make a Legacy Gift?

There are many ways to leave a legacy gift, and it doesn't need to be a complicated legal document.

- You can write the MEF into your will or estate plan. Ask us for our Attorney's Guide. If you already have a will or estate plan, then you can simply sign a one-page codicil to amend it. No need to write a new will, and no lawyer required. We are happy to provide a sample codicil.
- You can also designate the MEF as the beneficiary for your IRA, life insurance policy, or other investments. You can connect with your investment counselor or Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest for more complicated plans.

How Much Should I Give?

Any amount is welcome—you don't need to be a millionaire. Your gift will make a significant impact for years to come.

We recommend you set a percentage, rather than a fixed amount. Think of it like tithing. You've given 10% of your income during your life—why not continue afterwards?

We also recommend splitting your legacy gift tithe: 5% to your home congregation, and 5% to the Mission Endowment Fund, or a portion of your choosing.

Next Steps

If you want to make a legacy gift, choose one or more of these options.

1. Contact your attorney to make a will or estate plan that includes a legacy gift to the MEF. Or sign a one-page codicil.
2. Contact your financial advisor to designate the MEF as the beneficiary for your IRA, life insurance policy, or other investments.
3. Email us at mef@ntnl.org to let us know you are making a gift