

PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

of
Trinity Episcopal Church
Lawrence, Kansas

Resolved at the Annual Parish Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Kansas, duly convened in the City of Lawrence, Kansas, on Jan. 24, 1993, does hereby establish and create a new and separate fund to be known as the Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment Fund for the purpose of supporting the mission and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church; and be it further resolved that the Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment Fund be defined, organized and administered in accordance with the articles attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

I. DEFINITION

There will be established an endowment fund for Trinity Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Kansas in the Diocese of Kansas, the purpose, governance and administration of which was defined by the Annual Parish Meeting of said parish duly convened at Lawrence, Kansas, on Jan. 24, 1993, with revisions approved at the Annual Parish Meeting held on Jan. 16, 2000.

The Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment Fund is created as a separate and distinct entity within said parish apart from the governance and all other existing funds of the parish.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to support and expand the mission and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

II. ORGANIZATION

There shall be five voting members of the Endowment Fund Board, none of whom shall be members of the Vestry during his or her term of membership. The church Treasurer shall serve as a non-voting member. Three members of the Endowment Fund Board, **as nominated by the Vestry**, shall be elected for three-year, two-year, and one-year terms, respectively, by the Annual Parish Meeting. Members to fill unexpired terms shall be elected at the next Annual Parish Meeting. The Vestry shall appoint two members to three-year and two-year terms, respectively. Board members may not serve more than two consecutive terms exclusive of portions of unexpired terms. A former member shall be eligible to be elected or appointed again after one year has elapsed following his or her previous service.

The Endowment Fund Board shall meet not less than ~~semi-annually~~ **quarterly**. A majority of all voting members shall constitute a quorum, and the consent of a majority of the whole number of the Board shall be necessary to carry out any motion or resolution.

The Board shall elect from its own membership a Chairperson ~~and a Treasurer~~. The Treasurer of the parish shall ~~be eligible to be elected as~~ **serve as** Treasurer of the Board. The Board may adopt rules for its work, subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Kansas, and the statutes and regulations of the United States and the State of Kansas. For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code, the Endowment Board shall be part of Trinity Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Kansas. The Board may request other members of the congregation to serve in an advisory capacity and, at the expense of the Endowment Fund, may provide for such legal or other professional counsel as it deems necessary.

The Board shall report its ~~actions periodically~~ **acts not less than quarterly** to the Vestry and shall render a full and complete ~~accounting~~ **report** of its work to each Annual Parish Meeting.

~~The Board shall provide sufficient bond and liability insurance as may be necessary at the expense of the Endowment Fund.~~ No Board member shall engage in any self-dealing nor in any transactions involving the Endowment Fund in which he or she has any direct or material indirect financial interest. Every Board member shall at all times refrain from any conduct in which his or her personal interests may conflict with the interests of the Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund may receive contributions of cash, securities of every kind, real estate, life insurance, trust instruments, personal property and other items of value. The Board shall not be required to accept contributions which contain restrictions or which are designated for purposes inconsistent with the stated purposes of the Endowment Fund or the religious, moral and ethical standards of the Episcopal Church.

All assets shall be held in the name of the Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment Fund. Power to hold, buy, sell, exchange, rent, lease, transfer, convert, invest, reinvest and in all other respects to manage and control the assets of the Endowment fund, including stocks, bonds, debentures, notes, mortgages or other securities, is vested in the Endowment Fund Board, to be exercised in accordance with the religious, moral and ethical standards of the Episcopal Church.

The Board shall direct the investment of endowment funds with proper regard for maintaining a balance between income/growth and security of principal. The primary investment objective shall be attainment of a maximum total rate of return, inclusive of current income and capital appreciation, consistent with prudent regard for security of principal.

Expenditures of funds from the principal of the Endowment Fund may occur only in very unusual circumstances. The Board shall not have the power to expend any portion of the principal amount of the Endowment Fund except upon its recommendation to and approval by three-fourths of those voting at an Annual or Special Parish Meeting.

~~There shall be an annual audit of the books and accounts of the Endowment Fund performed by a Certified Public Accountant or other audit committee appointed by the Board and consisting of persons who are not members of the Endowment Fund Board nor members of the Vestry. The results of each audit shall be reported promptly to the Vestry and to the Annual Parish Meeting.~~

With growth of the Endowment Fund a primary concern, not more than 50% of annual earnings, including current reinvested earnings, may be distributed each year, unless otherwise authorized and directed by the Vestry.

The Endowment Fund Board shall honor the requests of donors that gifts to the Fund be used for a specific purpose.

In the event that Trinity Episcopal Church merge with another parish in accordance with the provisions of Canon 24 ***IV.7*** of the Diocese of Kansas entitled "Of the Dissolution and Merging of Incorporated Parishes," the Endowment Fund shall become the Endowment Fund of the newly merged parish and shall be administered in accordance with these articles to fulfill the purposes herein defined.

In the event that Trinity Episcopal Church shall be dissolved as a congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Kansas, or otherwise terminate its relationship as a congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as the Episcopal Church, all the assets of the Endowment Fund of whatever kind shall transfer and pass to ~~The Trustees~~ of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, ***Inc.***, a Kansas Corporation, to be administered by them.

III. DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME

The expenditure of net income from the Endowment Fund shall be directed by the Board ***with approval of the Vestry***. Proposals and applications for expending funds may be made to the Board under guidelines established by the Board. Endowment funds shall not be committed for more than one year.

Original Articles Approved by the Annual Parish Meeting January 24, 1993
Revisions to the Original Articles Approved by the Vestry, September 20, 1999
Revisions to Original Articles Approved by the Annual Parish Meeting, January 16, 2000
Revisions to Articles Contained Herein Approved by the Vestry, December 21, 2009