



Growing Generosity

EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO CHANGE LIVES!

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“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” – Ephesians 6:2-3

TIP #1: Honor your mother on Mother’s Day

Celebrated this year on Sunday, May 13, Mother’s Day is a time to recognize mothers and all women who empower others. This year, consider honoring someone special with a memorial or honorarium gift to the church endowment. Or consider setting up a new permanent endowment fund in her name to support a United Methodist cause close to her heart. For more information about honoring your loved ones, contact Nancy Young, Georgia United Methodist Foundation Director of Planned Giving and Scholarships, at 678-708-6601 or nyoung@gumf.org or visit www.gumf.org.

“Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD.” – Psalm 102:18

TIP #2: Support the next generation of leaders

Very soon, many of the graduating high school seniors will have dreams of attending college. Unfortunately college expenses are high and many students will struggle to fund their education. To show your support of our future leaders, consider making a tax-deductible gift by establishing a scholarship fund at the church or donating to an existing scholarship fund. For more information, contact Nancy Young, Georgia United Methodist Foundation Director of Planned Giving and Scholarships, at 678-708-6601 or nyoung@gumf.org or visit www.gumf.org.

And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him. – Mark 12:7

TIP #3: How to give securities to your church

Giving securities is a great, tax-effective way to support your church. Unfortunately, brokerage houses often do not disclose the donor’s name or the beneficiary when transferring stocks. When shares arrive in the Georgia United Methodist Foundation’s account, the mystery begins. Until the mystery is solved, the church does not receive the gift and the donor does not receive a tax confirmation letter from their church. Here are some tips to ensure your transaction goes as planned. If your church has a brokerage account for this purpose, provide your broker with transfer instructions from your church. If your church does not have a separate brokerage account but does have an account with GUMF, call us for instructions to give to your broker to transfer the shares to GUMF for the account of your church. *Notify your church* and GUMF each time a stock gift is transferred. Be sure to provide the stock name and number of shares. For more information on giving securities to your church, contact Russell Jones, GUMF’s Vice President/CFO, at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or rjones@gumf.org.