
Saint John's Endowment

Grant Information Q & A
August 24, 2021

What is the Saint John's Endowment Fund?

- ❖ The Saint John's Endowment Fund was established in 1976 and receives funds from generous donations, bequeaths from estates, and the annual church birthday celebrations in September of each year.
- ❖ It has grown from a balance of roughly \$140,000 in 2010 to \$1.6 million in 2021.
- ❖ Since 2015, it has provided almost \$260,000 in special project grants for mission endeavors, ministry support, and facility improvements.

What does the Saint John's Endowment Committee do?

- ❖ Fiduciary responsibility for prudent investment of the assets of the Fund consistent with the social principles of the United Methodist Church.
- ❖ Regular reporting to the congregation on activities regarding the Fund and encouraging gifts to the Fund.
- ❖ Appropriate acknowledgment of gifts to the Fund.
- ❖ Determining each year a distribution rate to be utilized in computing the amount available for Grants from the investment earnings of the Fund.
- ❖ Soliciting applications for annual grant awards and selecting projects to support.
- ❖ Monitoring the progress of active projects and responding to questions and requests from grantees.
- ❖ Establishing committee policies and procedures as required.

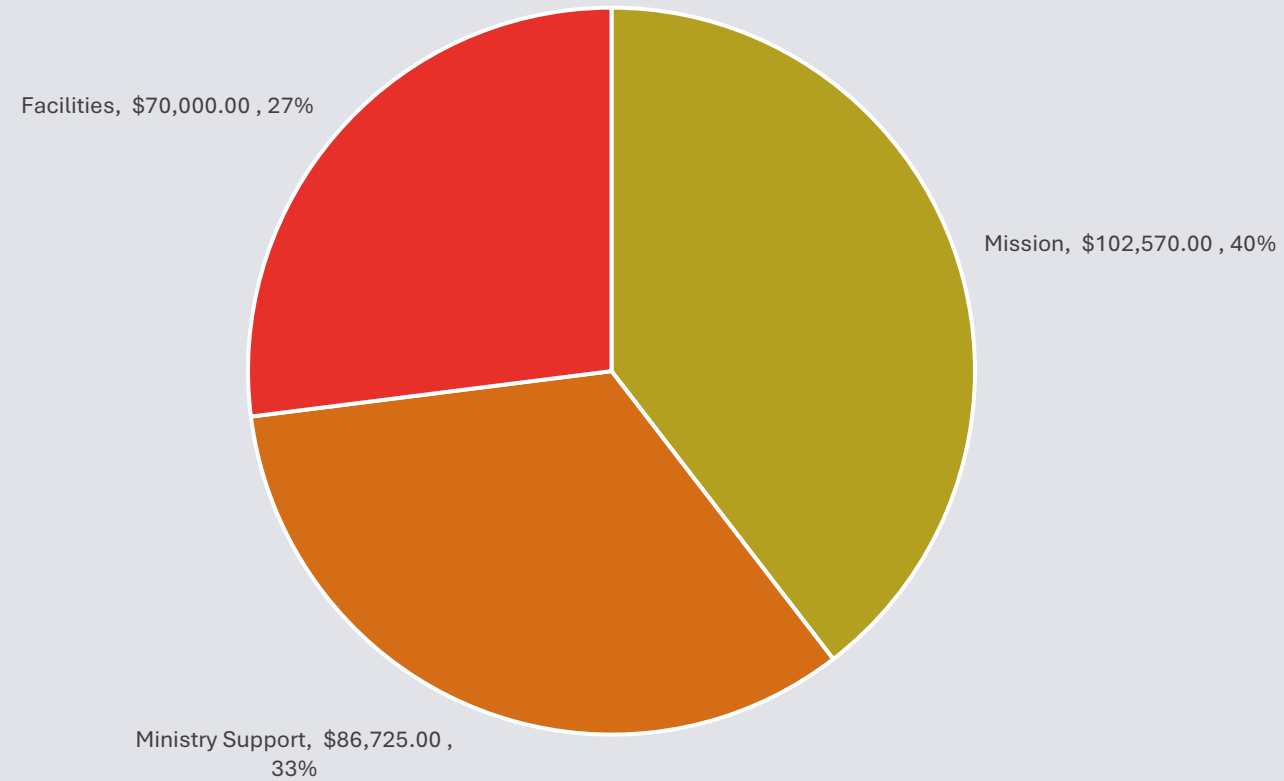
Who is on the Saint John's Endowment Committee?

- ❖ Karen Norris, Committee Chair
- ❖ Rowland Curry
- ❖ Adam Haynes, Finance Committee Chair
- ❖ Joel Knight, Church Council Chair
- ❖ Martha McGlothlin
- ❖ Peyton Middleton
- ❖ Julie Peckham, Trustees Representative
- ❖ Pat Tippie
- ❖ Nancy Williams
- ❖ Staff
 - ❖ Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor
 - ❖ Duane Roth, Business Administrator

What types of projects receive grants?

- ❖ Grants are intended to support church programs, improvement projects, and initiatives that are not currently funded through the church operating budget
- ❖ Grants must be sponsored by a committee or other entity commissioned or created by the Church Council
- ❖ Previous grant examples
 - ❖ Housing Initiative
 - ❖ Refugee Initiative
 - ❖ Sanctuary Lighting Improvements
 - ❖ Children's Check-In System
 - ❖ Border Ministry
 - ❖ Playground Shade

Saint John's Endowment since 2015



Grant History Since 2015

2015 SJE Housing Initiative Grant - \$12,970

2016 SJE Refugee Initiative Grant - \$12,000

2016 SJE Church Extension Grant – Associate Pastor - \$23,000

2017 SJE Feeding Homeless Grant – RTMS Committee - \$15,600

2017 SJE Harvey Response Grant – RTMS Committee - \$10,000

2017 SJE Youth House Improvement Grant – Trustees - \$4,500

2017 SJE Youth Ministry Needs Assessment – SPRC - \$5,500

2017 SJE Sanctuary Lighting Grant – Trustees - \$5,000

2017 SJE Mission Storage Grant – Trustees - \$7,000

2017 SJE Transitional Housing Grant – RTMS - \$18,000

2017 SJE Sounds System Grant – Trustees - \$5,000

2018 SJE Summer Youth Intern – Youth Council - \$8,000

2018 SJE Playground Shade Project – Grace Garden - \$15,000

2018 SJE Check-in System Grant – Children’s and Family - \$12,000

2018 SJE Social Justice Seminar – RTMS - \$5,000

2019 SJE Border Ministry – RTMS - \$17,000

2019 SJE Sanctuary Accessibility – Trustees - \$18,500

2019 SJE Website Grant – SPRC - \$12,500

2020 SJE Facility Accessibility – Trustees - \$10,000

2020 SJE COVID Safety and Cleaning – Trustees - \$5,000

2020 SJE Wireless Network – SPRC - \$6,725

2020 SJE Technology Upgrade – SPRC - \$8,000

2020 SJE Research Team Consultants – Nominations - \$6,000

2020 SJE Technological Access for People with Disabilities – Accessibility - \$5,000

2020 SJE Serving our Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness – RTMS - \$12,000

Grant Application Guidelines

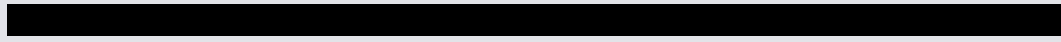
- ❖ Due October 1, 2021 to Duane Roth
- ❖ Submit in both electronic format and one hard copy signed by the sponsoring committee chair
- ❖ All grant amounts are welcome, but preference is for grants over \$10,000 that have potential for high impact
- ❖ The combined grant total for 2021 should range from \$55,000 to \$60,000
- ❖ Projects should be completed in a two-year period
- ❖ Requests for extensions or additional funding will be considered on a case-by-case basis

What should be included in the Grant Application?

- ❖ Word document form available from Karen Norris, the committee chair or Duane Roth.
- ❖ Brief Description of the Project
 - ❖ Goals and Objectives
 - ❖ Amount Requested
 - ❖ Critical elements
 - ❖ Implementation plan
 - ❖ Benefits to SJUMC
- ❖ How the project is in alignment with the Saint John's Strategic Plan – copy available from the church office
- ❖ Budget and Timeline
- ❖ Should be two to four pages in length

What do I need to know if my project receives a grant?

- ❖ Grant awards will be announced in November or December
- ❖ Funds will be available to be used starting in January
- ❖ Payment vouchers are available from the church office and must be signed by the committee chair or a staff member
- ❖ Reports will be required every six months to the Endowment Committee
- ❖ Once all the funds have been used, a final report shall be submitted



Your Questions