

What kind of world do you want to live in? Then invest in it.

If you like high-flying investments and the high-risk sector, then you should stop reading now: the following information is not for you.

If, on the other hand, you would like to learn how to *invest ethically*, collect dividends, and maximize tax exemptions—all *while supporting the Church's local and international missions*—then read on.

Every time we recite "A New Creed" we define the world we want to live in. It is a world in which we

- celebrate God's presence,
- live with respect in Creation,
- love and serve others,
- seek justice and resist evil,
- proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

This is our Christian call to stewardship. And it is the ethical code that should drive every decision that we make about the use of our time, talents and treasure.

"The past couple of years have been pretty disillusioning for those who have invested their hard earned funds with the hope of having a little security in retirement. Big fund managers got outrageously rich while bankrupting their own investment firms. Many pension funds went caput.

"So it was with some trepidation that I opened my pension statement from The United Church of Canada. A pleasant surprise awaited. The United Church has managed its funds so well and exercised such good stewardship that its pensioners saw an increase in their monthly cheques and those of us who are still paying in to the plan didn't lose anything.

"This is proof positive that sound management using ethical investment strategies that focus on the world in which we would like to live *do work*." *

The fund managers for both the United Church and the United Church of Canada Foundation are directed to manage their investment funds according to the Church's strict ethical investment principles. At last report, 99% of these funds are invested in ethically sound endeavours.

And the good news is that you can benefit from the United Church's ethical investment practices.

- For individuals, both *Charitable Gift Annuities* and *Charitable Remainder Trusts* provide the donor with an income for life and a generous receipt that can be used to reduce taxes. In addition, their chosen beneficiary (e.g., congregation, program, Mission and Service Fund, the Foundation) will receive a gift at the end of your life.
- For congregations, the United Church of Canada Foundation provides the opportunity to invest your funds with the peace of mind that they are invested and growing according to the Church's ethical principals.

It's a win-win opportunity. You benefit from the Church's ethical investment practices, and your gift to its local, national or international missions becomes an investment in the kind of world that you want for future generations.

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