



**WESTERN
DIOCESE
ENDOWMENT
FUND**

Western Diocese Endowment Fund

The Western Diocese Endowment Fund (WDEF) is a charitable non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1979, in accordance with federal and state laws of the state of California. The Fund consists of a pool of donations, which are conservatively invested by the Financial Committee of the Board of Directors for reasonable yields. The annual revenues from such capital investments alleviate the uncertainties of a fluctuating income for the Diocese, otherwise dependent on donations. As the Fund grows, it will generate sufficient income to cover the expanded religious, cultural, national, and youth activities of the Diocese within the Armenian community.



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Primate's Message

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2)

The institution of the Endowment Fund plays a crucial role in the life of the Western Diocese. It is possible for the contributors to the Endowment Fund to specify which projects of the Diocese should be benefited by their endowment, therefore supporting the designated projects in perpetuity.

Through the institution of the Endowment Fund, many important God-pleasing missions have been realized and supported, and I remain hopeful that those who share our Christian values would participate in this worthwhile mission. Like our Mother Church, the Endowment Fund continues to grow stronger every day. Your gifts will strengthen our Church and benefit generations to come.

“Not in the way of eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from heart” (Ephesians 6:6).

To Dr. Gary Lulejian, Chairman, and the dedicated members of the Endowment Fund Board, I give my blessings and encouragement. By your tireless efforts and vision to contribute to the advancement of the missions of the Armenian Church for the Glory of God, the Western Diocese has grown, and will continue to grow.

“Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”
(2 Corinthians 9:7).

With Prayers and Blessings,



Archbishop Hovnan Derderian
Primate
Western Diocese of the Armenian Church



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Chairman's Message

An endowment fund is a vehicle to support, in perpetuity any project or mission that one believes to have value or merit. In the case of the Western Diocese Endowment Fund (WDEF), the 1700 year-old Armenian Church and its associated activities in the Western Diocese have benefited from generous and farsighted donors since 1979. Contributions now exceed \$6 million dollars and have provided more than \$2 million dollars to the various endowments within the fund. These include youth activities, the summer camp, clergy education, Diocesan operations, the Diocesan Cathedral, Armenian orphans, the Jerusalem Patriarchate, the support of various churches within the Western Diocese and Holy Etchmiadzin.

Participation is open and most welcome and requires only an initial \$1,000 contribution to establish a new named endowment or to support an existing one. The WDEF welcomes donations in any form and will provide

assistance to donors in establishing their endowment. As chairman, I am always available and desirous to meet and discuss the activities of the WDEF with any existing or prospective new donor.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank all who have contributed to the WDEF. We look forward to your continued support in furthering the mission of the Western Diocese and the Armenian Church.

Gary A. Lulejian, M.D.
Chairman, Board of Directors
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Donations at Work

- * General Purposes of the Diocese
- * Religious, Educational and Charitable Purposes of any Parish of the Western Diocese
- * Clergy Education
- * Christian Education
- * Armenian Church Youth Organization (ACYO)
- * Diocesan Camp/Summer Camp
- * Religious, Educational or Charitable Purposes of the Armenian Church
- * The Maintenance, Repair, Restoration and Beautification of Land and Buildings including the Western Diocese Cathedral
- * Mission Parishes
- * Youth Ministry Center
- * Church Music and Choir
- * Social Services
- * Christian Youth Mission to Armenia (CYMA)
- * Library
- * Museum
- * Publications

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How to Participate

You can become a participant in the WDEF by establishing a fund in your name, or in the name of a loved one. In addition, one can also support an already established fund. The minimum amount required to establish or add to a fund is \$1,000.

Additionally, the WDEF Board has adopted the following ranges of donations in an effort to categorize the varying donations and to give the proper recognitions to individuals according to the amount given.

The categories are as follows:

Grand Benefactors - \$500,000 and above

Benefactors - \$100,000 to \$499,999

Donors - \$50,000 to \$99,999

Patrons - \$25,000 to \$49,999

Supporters - \$10,000 to \$24,999

Friends - \$5,000 to \$9,999

Donations to the Fund have ranged from outright cash to stocks, bonds, legacies or pledges that are fulfilled over time.

The WDEF can make available legal assistance for the seamless transfer of assets, which is a benefit to both the donor and the Fund.

Such transfers minimize the benefactor's tax burden and maximize the recipient's benefits. The spiritual and emotional satisfaction is an added blessing.

Your gifts to the WDEF will make a difference beyond the confines of a lifetime. They will insure a stronger and more vibrant Armenian Church for generations to come.

All donor names will be recognized on a plaque to be exhibited in the Cathedral Complex.



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Name _____

Address _____

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Enclosed please find my gift to the WDEF (\$ 1,000.00 initial minimum for a permanent fund). I would like the income of my donation to be directed to:

Summer Camp

Diocesan Camp

Clergy Education

Christian Education

ACYO

Diocesan Administration

Parish (name)

Other (please specify)

Please send me additional information on (indicate name of plan/s)

to pledge my gift of \$ _____

to _____

_____ (see choices above)

Date _____ Signature _____

Mail to:

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