



Soon, Connecticut Church Planters and Pastors will have one more option when seeking to fund construction or purchase land and buildings. As of 2011, the CT Ladies Ministries and CT NAM have been partnering together to establish the Invest CT Endowment Fund (ICEF). Every time CT churches give to the annual Mothers' Memorial offering, a portion of those contributions are invested in the endowment. In addition, churches and individuals can contribute directly to the fund using investment tools such as living trusts. The endowment funds are managed by the United Pentecostal Foundation, whose board of directors includes the General Superintendent of the UPCI. There is a CT board of directors who will process applications and grant loans on a case-by-case basis.

It is our prayer that this fund grows to the point that the interest on the endowment can be loaned to CT churches at no interest! This will be a blessing to churches that need to purchase a building or property.

In today's economy, it has become increasingly difficult for churches to obtain loans. A no-interest loan would not only save money for CT churches but also render a very reasonable loan repayment schedule. By helping to ease some of these financial burdens, ICEF will make it easier for the local church to focus on soul-winning.

Bishop John Hanson  
Former CT District Superintendent

## Stewards

The United Pentecostal Church International is an organization with traditional values that have been tested by time and based on scripture, which is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. You can rest easy knowing your gift will be in good hands.

The ICEF is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the CT LM President (Chairman of the Board), CT LM Secretary (Secretary of the Board), CT District Superintendent, CT NAM Director, and a fifth member at large to be appointed by the Chairman and ratified by the board for a term of one year.

No decision to contribute to the ICEF should be made without prayer or without consulting your financial, tax, and legal advisors. Upon your request, we would be happy to provide a copy of our Endowment Fund Document to you and/or your investment, legal, and tax advisors.

The Board of Directors is fully vested with the power to make all decisions regarding the ICEF and will only disperse investment income to qualified and approved applicants.

We are happy to speak with you at your convenience to discuss any questions you may have about making a gift or applying for assistance. We look forward to partnering with you as we continue advancing the kingdom of God in Connecticut.

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# Mission

The Invest CT Endowment Fund (ICEF) exists solely for the charitable purpose of funding the establishment of UPCI churches in Connecticut by facilitating their long-term financial security. Its principal objectives are three-fold:

1. To increase member awareness of the long-term financial needs of our churches
2. To lay the groundwork to sustain the church in perpetuity and
3. To provide an avenue through which faithful stewards can make an earthly investment with eternal rewards.

# Mandate

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also, (Matthew 6:20-21).



## *Advancing The Kingdom*

# How to Give

There are a variety of ways to give to the ICEF including but not limited to the following:

- By donating a check
- By transferring a title document
- By making a bequest in a will and/or living trust
- By naming the ICEF as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy or annuity
- By making a current distribution from your living trust
- By establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust or other plan with lifetime income
- By naming the ICEF as a beneficiary of an IRA
- By requesting real estate, stocks, or bonds

# Tax Advantages

In most cases, yes. With proper use of the ICEF, you may realize significant tax advantages today as could your estate tomorrow. It may be possible to:

- Achieve income tax reductions
- Reduce your estate taxes
- Reduce your capital gains taxes
- Save on inheritance taxes

We encourage you to consult your tax advisor for more information about how you may be able to benefit from investing in the ICEF.

# Why

→ Advancing the kingdom through a perpetually managed gift will help ensure our legacy for future generations. The resources provided by the ICEF can be used as a supplemental source of financial assistance for approved churches. Your generous gift to the ICEF will help lift a portion of the financial burden associated with securing funds for property and/or buildings on the local level. This assistance will help local pastors establish a presence in their community and focus on soul-winning.

Many of our members have been faithful with their tithes and offerings as well as their gifts and pledges to our fundraisers during their lives. the ICEF has been put in place as a trusted channel for ensuring their faithful stewardship transcends the earthly realm leaving a legacy of truth for all who follow.

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