

# SARDIS GIFT TRUST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I have already included Sardis in our will.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will consider including Sardis in our will.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I are interested in talking with a Gift Trust Commission member about our will or special gift.

Please check an option above and place in the offering plate or mail to Sardis Gift Trust Commission:  
6100 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270



But each of us were given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.  
*Ephesians 4:7-12*



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## Opportunities To Make An Impact Through Giving

### Money

Write a check, pay by credit card, or give through your Donor Advised Fund.



### Stocks & Securities

Donate appreciated stock or other securities such as mutual funds.



### IRA Charitable Donations

A direct transfer of up to \$100,000 from the owner of an IRA who is 70 1/2 or older.



### Bequests Through Will

A way to leave a legacy by naming the SGT as a beneficiary in your will.



### Life Insurance

Give the current ownership and/or beneficiary rights to the SGT.



### Retirement Accounts

Name SGT as a beneficiary of your retirement account.



### Charitable Trusts

Various types of trusts can be used to give to charity.



### Gifts of Property

Gifts of property such as real estate, art, antiques, etc.



## Sardis Gift Trust

## Impact Our Future Now



**Sardis Presbyterian Church**  
Our Endowment opportunities are yet another way we can equip and build up the body of Christ.

# Sardis Presbyterian Church Gift Trust

Sardis Presbyterian Church is an inclusive congregation called to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to impact the world by: PRAISING God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; LEARNING about God's will for our lives; LOVING one another unconditionally; SERVING neighbors near and far; SHARING the gifts with which we have been blessed; WITNESSING to the Good News of Jesus Christ to provide hope for the world.

To carry out its mission, Sardis needs financial resources beyond the annual giving and budget. These resources allow the church to meet capital, special, and long term needs to serve its purposes noted above.

In 1987, the Session approved the creation of an endowment fund and the formation of an endowment committee to oversee the use of funds donated to advance specific ministries of the church. These funds constitute giving above a member's annual pledge and are often designated for a special purpose. In December 2007 the Session expanded the scope for this type of giving by creating the Sardis Gift Trust Commission which administers the funds in the Trust subject to the ultimate direction and authority of the Session.

The mission of the Sardis Gift Trust is to equip current and future generations of disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- Promoting awareness of the Sardis Gift Trust
- Encouraging participation through both immediate and long-term legacy gifts
- Faithful stewardship of the endowment funds
- Prayerful considerations of disbursement requests

# Endowments

## Sardis General Endowments

Receives memorials and endowments which support the needs of Sardis beyond the annual budget as determined by the Session.

- **General Endowment Fund**  
To meet capital needs of the church beyond the annual budget and for furtherance of the church's benevolence, educational and mission programs.
- **Betty McGinnis McLeod Youth Fund**  
Supports special needs of the programs for youth at Sardis.
- **Worship and Music Fund**  
Serve needs in support of the worship and music ministries at Sardis.

## Sardis Benevolence Endowments

Established for local and international giving and to support youth ministry mission trips.

- **William H. & Ann M. J. Reed Memorial Fund**  
Supports charitable needs within Mecklenburg County.
- **Sardis World Wide Mission Fund**  
Supports charitable needs anywhere beyond Mecklenburg County.
- **Youth Ministry Mission Trip Scholarship Fund**  
Provides scholarship money to any youth for mission trips, with preference to those who might need financial assistance.

## Sardis Christian Service Endowments

Established to provide financial help for Sardis members and their families, or Sardis staff members who are seeking help in order to secure new or additional degrees or designations in order to be able to serve God in Christian service.

- **Sardis Christian Vocational Service Fund**  
Supports members or staff seeking degrees for ministry or Christian Education.
- **Christian Education Endowment Fund**  
Supports needs of the Christian Education program.

## Sardis Property Improvement Endowments

Established to provide for additional, immediate, or long-term maintenance, repair, or construction of real property.

- **Major Property Improvement Fund**  
For major property improvements.
- **Lowrance Sanctuary Fund**  
Supports capital needs, maintenance, and repair in the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Parlor.
- **Columbarium/Cemetery Investment Fund**  
For the perpetual care of our two cemeteries and the columbarium.
- **Cloister Garden Fund**  
Established for the maintenance and repair of the Cloister Garden between the Sanctuary and church office.
- **Memorial Gardens Fund**  
Established for the maintenance and repair of the Memorial Garden between the Chapel and Education Hall.
- **Schul Transportation Fund**  
To provide transportation of adults and youth for activities of Sardis Presbyterian Church.

## Often Asked Questions

### What Is The Minimum Donation?

There is no minimum donation for contributions to an existing fund in the Sardis Gift Trust. In order to establish a new giving/specified purpose fund, the minimum donation is \$10,000.

### How Do I Get Started?

Direct contributions can be made online at [www.sardis.org/giving](http://www.sardis.org/giving), or by sending a check made out to Sardis Presbyterian Church. You also may use the form on this brochure to indicate your interest in providing for Sardis in your will or for making a financial gift through an endowment, trust, annuity, or insurance policy. You should consult with your accountant, financial and/or tax advisor, or attorney in order to determine the best approach for leaving your legacy. The Sardis website ([www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org)) is also available for information. We encourage and are thankful for gifts at any time made to one of the established endowments listed here.

### Who Do I Contact?

A member of the Sardis Gift Trust Commission at:  
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