

Here is a **Service of Consecration for a Financial Endowment** based on the **United Methodist liturgy for the consecration of a building**, adapted for inclusion in a Sunday worship service. This version includes space where a church could insert specific information and an optional acknowledgment of donors.

The role indicated as “officiating minister” could be the local church pastor, or the district superintendent (or bishop) if present. This reminds us that the power of the endowment continues, even if the pastoral leadership changes.

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(For use in a traditional Sunday morning service)

PRESENTATION OF THE ENDOWMENT

A designated person or persons come forward and say:

Leader:

I (We) present this endowment to be consecrated,
that it may support and sustain the ministry of this congregation for generations to come.

NAMING OF THE ENDOWMENT *(If applicable)*

Officiating Minister:

By what name shall this endowment be known?

Pastor or designated lay official:

It shall be called the **[Name] Endowment for [Church Name] United Methodist Church**. *(Or simply, "It shall be known as an endowment for the future ministry of [Church Name] United Methodist Church.")*

CONSECRATION OF THE ENDOWMENT

Officiating Minister:

Dear friends, rejoice that God has moved the hearts of generous people to establish this endowment for the work of Christ's church.
Let us now consecrate it for service and celebrate its faithful purpose.

Several people may lead sections of the following prayer, which the officiating minister should begin and conclude.

Leader 1:

O eternal God, source of every good gift,
from whom all blessings flow,

we give thanks for the generosity that has made this endowment possible.
Through the faithfulness of your people,
you have provided a lasting gift
that will strengthen and sustain the ministry of this congregation.

*(Optional: We give thanks especially for the life and generosity of [Name of donor(s)],
whose vision and stewardship have made this endowment possible.)*

Leader 2:

By the power of your Holy Spirit, consecrate this offering,
that it may bear fruit for your kingdom.
Bless and sanctify its purpose,
that it may support ministries of worship and witness,
compassion and justice,
teaching and service,
for generations yet to come.

Leader 3:

Teach us to be faithful stewards of all you entrust to us,
that we may use these gifts wisely and in ways that honor you.
May this endowment inspire others to generosity,
so that our church may continue to be a beacon of your love,
proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ
to this community and the world.

Officiating Minister concludes:

Now, O God, we set apart this endowment for your holy work.
May it be used always for your glory
and for the flourishing of your people.
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head above all.

All: Amen.