

LOVELAND METHODIST FOUNDATION

Incorporated December 19, 1949

The purposes for which LMF was formed are:

1. To receive and accept bequests, devises, gifts, donations, contributions, and transfers of property, both real and personal, given or transferred to it by Will, Deed, or otherwise.
2. To manage, invest, handle, administer, and supervise the property of LMF for the benefit of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland, Colorado. The Board of Directors of LMF has the power to determine a list of funds to which a donor may contribute. If a donation is made to LMF and said donation does not designate a fund that has been set up by the Board of Directors then said donation shall be put into the general fund. The principal of the general fund may be used for major emergency repairs, remodeling, and new construction. The net income from the general fund, after deducting operating expenses for the Foundation, shall be given to the First United Methodist Church to be used for its ordinary operating expenses.

The Board of Directors may maintain other funds, including, but not limited to the following: Scholarship fund, missionary fund, music fund, transportation fund, education fund, minister's fund, and lay person ministry training fund. In addition to these funds, the Board of Directors may establish any other funds that the Board determines to be appropriate.

The Board of Directors shall determine in its sole discretion how the principal and income from each fund shall be distributed.

The Board of Directors shall have the right and power to decline a gift or bequest if the Board of Directors determines that the instructions or requirements of the gift are not in the best interests of LMF.

3. To conduct, engage in or to carry on any other religious cause or project related to the purposes of LMF and connected with the activities of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland, Colorado.

LMF is a “supporting organization” under the IRS rules and LMF is a registered charity that carries out its exempt purposes by supporting another exempt organization, in this case the Church.

The Church is not required to file any form with the IRS to be exempt from federal income tax or to receive tax deductible contributions. In determining whether an admittedly religious organization is also a church, the IRS does not accept every assertion that the organization is a church. Because beliefs and practices vary so widely, there is no single definition of the word “church” for tax purposes. The IRS considers the facts and circumstances of each organization applying for church status. As long as the Church is tax exempt, then LMF will be tax exempt.

All of the funds of LMF are invested by the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado [CFNC]. Any donations received are paid directly to CFNC; and any expenditures out of any of the Funds are paid by CFNC to the Church for distribution to the ultimate recipient. LMF currently has three funds, the Scholarship Fund, the Missions Fund and the General Fund.

LMF is operated by a five person Board of Directors elected by the members of the Church annually. One of the Board members is the current Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

LMF encourages donations from estates, trusts and other estate planning vehicles to be made to the Foundation for the benefit of the Church.