

Here We Imagine

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As careful and diligent as we are in managing our resources, however, we cannot predict when the next significant economic downturn may occur. We all experienced just such an occurrence a few short years ago. The long and arduous recession that hit the state of Michigan greatly impacted our ability as congregations and as a District to provide for ministry the way we were accustomed to. Through those challenging times, we learned to make ends meet by making sacrifices and adjusting ministry. At the Michigan District we also learned the importance and value of having resources available through our endowment funds, which helped substantially fill the gap and allowed ministry to continue.

Continuing to grow the Michigan District Endowment Funds remains an important part of preparing for future District ministry. This is true if another economic challenge presents itself; but also now, during relatively stable economic times, when ministry may be expanded. To help accomplish the goal of increasing funding available through Michigan District Endowments, the 500th Anniversary Celebration Campaign will designate a portion of received contributions for this purpose. Please join us in this historic endeavor.



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