

Making a planned gift is as easy as ...

1. Asking what gives meaning to your life and what legacy will reflect that meaning.
2. Being sure to include a gift to the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Indiana in your will or other estate plans.
3. Contacting the Church Office to let us know you would like to discuss the possibility of a planned give with a member of the Endowment Committee.



John L. Grauer was a member of First UU since 2001. He was originally from Long Island, NY. He had a passion for music and was a strict vegetarian and animal-rights activist. As a young man, John worked for the sound engineering firm, Harmon Kardon. Eventually forming his own mail order business for an equalizer he designed.

He was always a frugal financier. His desire to live somewhere with a low cost of living and his strong desire to find a vegetarian community brought him to Western Pennsylvania. Through the "Vegetarian Times" he connected with others in our area many of whom were UUs before making his move. In his final years, John lived quietly alone with his dog, Bandit, on Emma Street in Indiana.

When John died in November 2010, he left several thousand dollars to his favorite causes, but the majority of his estate was bequeathed to the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Indiana, Pennsylvania. Over the next several months, members of our congregation worked to transfer John's investments, sell his car and his home, and to distribute other bequests most significantly his music books and recordings to the IUP music library.

During this time, the First UU Church Board of Trustees made some fiscal planning decisions. First, \$65,000 was set aside to supplement our minister's salary to full-time for five years with the hope of growing enough to support full time minister for the future. We also made some necessary repairs and improvements to our 15 year-old building. The remaining monies \$427, 594 was invested (using John's wise already declared guidance) but the money was divided 30% for seed money for a future building expansion and 70% as an Endowment.

Annually, the Endowment distributes 5% of its holdings to recognized congregation projects in the following manner :

- 1/3 capital improvements
- 1/3 outreach or wider-mission of UU
- 1/3 for social justice projects.

Future donations to the John L. Grauer Endowment will be invested in a separate fund to maintain the original 70/30 split until a building expansion project is developed. Your loving gifts to the John L. Grauer Endowment Fund contribute to the future of our congregation in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

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ENDOWMENT LEGACY PROGRAM

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