



Oregon Synod

Endowment Board Member

Oregon Synod endowment board members work alongside the synod treasurer and bishop to approve investment policies, set endowment granting policies, evaluate grant requests to support creative ministries in the Oregon Synod, and ensure proper management and reporting of the endowment fund. Board members are also responsible for educating members of the Oregon Synod about endowment grant opportunities, evaluating grant requests, actively soliciting and inviting contributions to the Endowment Fund, and building relationships with donors and ELCA-affiliated institutions.

This role requires members to have a basic understanding of investments and endowments, possess a sense of mission and a commitment to supporting the fund, attend all scheduled board meetings and participate in committee work as assigned and uphold the responsibilities of a trustee through accountable reporting and personal interaction. Volunteers are to follow all guidelines related to behavior and conduct and will be treated with the same care and respect as that accorded to paid staff.

Term

Committee members are elected for three-year terms and are eligible for reelection to one additional consecutive term.

Key Responsibilities

1. Develop, approve, and execute the granting strategy for the endowment fund.
2. Ensure proper stewardship, management, and distribution of endowment earnings.
3. Provide an annual report on grant activity to the Oregon Synod Council.
4. Educate and promote endowment giving to members and friends.
5. Steward and strengthen relationships with ELCA-affiliated organizations, congregations, and members.
6. Ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.