

New Path
Development Committee
GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Gift Acceptance Policy is to describe the type of gifts that can be accepted and the manner in which they can be accepted by New Path or the Development Committee (Committee).

INTRODUCTION

To protect the interests of the organization and the Committee, these policies are designed to assure that all gifts are structured to provide maximum benefit to New Path.

This document focuses on both current and deferred gifts, with special emphasis on various types of deferred gifts and gifts of non-cash property. The goal is to encourage funding of New Path's various endowment funds without encumbering the organization with gifts which may generate more cost than benefit, or which are restricted in a manner that is not in keeping with the mission and vision of New Path and the Committee.

To optimize funding from individuals and other entities, New Path must be able to respond quickly, and in the affirmative where possible, to all gifts offered by prospective donors. Except where stated otherwise, these policies are intended as guidelines only. Flexibility must be maintained since some gift situations can be complex and decisions only made after careful consideration of several interrelated factors. Therefore, these policies may in some instances require the evaluation of a specific gift by the Committee with a recommendation for a final decision to the New Path Board.

The Committee reserves the right to decline or otherwise refuse any gift offered to the Committee, with or without cause. Reasons for which a gift may be declined include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The Committee does not believe it is in the best interest of New Path or the Committee to abide by the restrictions placed on the gift by the donor.
2. The costs to maintain the gift or to meet the restrictions placed on the gift by the donor are considered to be excessive.
3. The gift is determined to be inappropriate or unrelated to the tax-exempt purposes of New Path.
4. The gift is designated to benefit or for the exclusive use of a specific individual.

GIFT ACCEPTANCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All gifts will be acknowledged by written confirmation of the gift and of any terms and conditions of the gift acceptance. All information concerning donors and prospective donors, including their names, names of beneficiaries, the amount and type of the gift, aspects relating to their estates, etc., shall be kept strictly confidential except when donors permit the release of such information.

TYPES OF GIFTS

I. OUTRIGHT GIFTS

A. CASH

- 1. Gifts in the form of cash and checks shall be accepted in any amount.**
- 2. All checks must be payable to New Path.**

B. PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES

Securities that are traded on the public exchanges shall be accepted by the Committee. The Committee shall make the decision to sell the security as quickly as possible.

C. CLOSELY HELD SECURITIES

Non-publicly traded securities will not be accepted.

D. REAL PROPERTY

- 1. All gifts of real property will be evaluated by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.**
- 2. Upon recommendation from the Committee, the New Path Board shall make the final decision to accept gifts of real property.**

E. TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

- 1. All gifts of personal property will be evaluated by the Committee on a case-by-case basis. Gifts of personal property must be suitable for direct use by New Path or the Committee and have a market value greater than \$1,000 to be considered.**

F. OTHER PROPERTY

The Committee shall make the decision to accept, keep or sell any other property that it may deem to be in the interest of New Path and the Committee.

II. PLANNED (DEFERRED) GIFTS

A. BEQUESTS

- 1. Gifts through wills (bequests) shall be actively encouraged by New Path and the Committee.**
- 2. Upon inquiry by a prospective donor, all representations as to the future acceptability of various properties to be left to New Path or the Committee in a will or other deferred gift shall be made in accordance with the terms and provisions of Paragraph I (A-F) of this document.**
- 3. Gifts of property that are not acceptable from bequests shall be rejected by the Committee and that decision shall be communicated to the legal representatives of the estate.**

B. REVOCABLE LIVING TRUSTS AND CHARITABLE TRUSTS

- 1. The Committee will consult with the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio regarding the need or use of a fiduciary.**
- 2. The fees for management of a Charitable Remainder Trust will not normally be paid by the Committee, however, upon approval by the New Path Board, these fees may be paid by the Committee. The fees for management of a Revocable Living Trust will not be paid by the Committee under any circumstances.**
- 3. Revocable Living Trusts and Charitable Remainder Trusts and all other deferred gifts shall be encouraged as a method of making gifts to New Path while retaining income which may be needed by the donor for personal purposes. Such trusts shall not be marketed as tax avoidance devices or as investment vehicles and it is understood that no activity will be conducted that will violate Federal and/or State security regulations.**

4. No representations as to the manner in which trust assets will be managed or invested shall be made by any employee or other persons acting on behalf of New Path or the Committee.

C. LIFE ESTATE GIFTS

The Committee may accept such gifts provided there is a full disclosure of the possible ramifications of the transaction to the donor.

D. LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

1. New Path will encourage donors to name New Path as beneficiary of life insurance policies that they have purchased.
2. The Committee will not accept gifts from donors for the purpose of purchasing life insurance on the donor's life. Exceptions to this policy may be made only when New Path has an insurable interest and is in compliance with all State and Federal statutes.
3. No insurance products will be endorsed for use in funding gifts to New Path.
4. In no event shall lists of New Path donors' names be furnished to anyone for the purpose of marketing life insurance for the benefit of donors and/or New Path.

E. GIFT ANNUITIES

Charitable Gift Annuities are available from the United Methodist Foundation of the West Ohio for the benefit of New Path.

III. PAYMENT OF FEES RELATED TO GIFTS

A. FINDER'S FEES OR COMMISSIONS

No fees shall be paid to anyone as consideration for directing a gift to New Path

B. PROFESSIONAL FEES

1. In general, the donor shall pay any fees associated with the gift.
2. No fees shall be paid to anyone as compensation for any sale of any products to the donor.

IV. RESTRICTIONS

A. Any restriction on the use of any gift must be approved by the Committee and the New Path Board prior to acceptance of the gift.

V. GIFT USE

- A. The use of undesignated gifts of \$1,000 or more to New Path shall be held in the Permanent Endowment Fund for the benefit of the New Path Operating Account.
- B. The Committee shall make a recommendation to the New Path Board on the use of the gifts of less than \$1,000.
- C. New Path Board may direct that a percentage of all undesignated gifts to New Path be placed in a Permanent Endowment Fund for the benefit of the New Path Operating Account.