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A LOVE OF METHODISM

Sandra Kuykendall likes structure. She lives by routine, working out at the gym every morning before getting on with her day.

Sandra's "day" usually includes volunteer work with St. John's UMC, and its Opening Doors program, which provides an art camp for children living in a needy area near the church. She also counsels these families on personal finance. In the spring, you will find her helping clients at Catholic Charities with their tax returns.

"My volunteer work might be a little ecumenical," admits Sandra, "but I was born Methodist, and Methodist is all I have ever known."

With a flair for order and a love for the Methodist church, it is logical that she has included the United Methodist Foundation in her will. "By giving to the Foundation, I know my gift will help churches. I know my wishes will be honored and my expectations will be met."



Sandra Kuykendall
Baton Rouge

This independent, financially savvy lady with a Master's degree in Mathematics has served as Finance and Building Committee chairman simultaneously at St. Mark's UMC of Baton Rouge. She is a retired math teacher and Exxon employee and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Foundation of LA.

"The Methodist church always has been a part of my life. I like its structure, the fact that it stands ready to help people in need, and I want it to continue."

Sandra is no stranger to stewardship either. "I am just a temporary steward of the resources God has given me. We are supposed to share and promote His kingdom while we're here on Earth, so I do what I can now. But when I'm gone I want to see the church continue, and a will can do that."

The idea of a bequest to the Foundation occurred to Sandra after completing the Foundation's Estate Planning Course a few years ago. The course was a "seminar by mail" designed to help people understand the benefits of estate and gift planning.

"You have to be aware that leaving a bequest is even possible," stated Sandra. "Most people think only in terms of leaving their assets to their children. But whatever you think you can spare to perpetuate the church, you should do that, too. It just makes sense to me."

"If we look at our assets and what we can leave behind, most people would be surprised to know that they can do something to sustain their church."

Like Sandra, you can put some "method" in your Methodism too. Another Estate Planning Course will be offered soon, or learn about wills now at www.umfgiving.org.