

An impressionistic painting of a church with a tall steeple, rendered in warm, textured brushstrokes. The sky is a mix of blue and white, and the foreground shows a path leading to the church entrance. The entire scene is framed by a thin white double-line border.

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STEWARDSHIP JUST GOT A LOT EASIER

As a person whom God has blessed abundantly, you probably are well aware of the convenience, cost effectiveness, and peace of mind that comes with a “turnkey” solution. When you get in your car and you turn the key, you are not concerned about how the engine works; you are just glad that you can get to your destination.

That’s the concept behind our new turnkey stewardship tool called the “Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM.” This new tool provides you with “a more excellent way” to support the organizations God would have you support. If you desire to simplify your giving while continuing to give as you have been given, we invite you to discover how the Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM can help you fulfill your gift planning aspirations.

Trained staff members are ready to discuss the many ways we can help you make the most of your giving efforts. Feel free to contact the RTS Foundation to discuss how we can customize a plan that suits your needs.

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE RTS FOUNDATION INC.

The mission of the RTS Foundation is to serve those who share with RTS the vision of providing evangelical biblical and theological education in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of preparing pastors, missionaries, educators and other church leaders for service to His church throughout the world by assisting donors in maximizing their giving to support Reformed Theological Seminary while at the same time providing maximum benefit to themselves and their families. The most advanced tools of estate and gift planning are employed utilizing methods of increasing giving, maximizing tax savings and often to increase lifetime income. The ultimate mission of the RTS Foundation is to serve Christ through the ministry of Reformed Theological Seminary by serving its friends and supporters.



The RTS Foundation, Inc. is an affiliate of Reformed Theological Seminary and functions as an agent on its behalf in the handling of charitable giving plans, estate gifts and other planned gifts for Reformed Theological Seminary. It is a 501(c) (3) Type I supporting organization as determined by the IRS. The RTS Foundation, Inc. nor Reformed Theological Seminary engage in rendering legal, accounting, tax or other professional advice or services. It is recommended that before entering into any arrangement you consult you own legal and/or tax counsel.

PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THE RTS FOUNDATION INC.

The RTS Foundation, Inc. is a supporting organization of Reformed Theological Seminary. Its purpose is to provide assistance to friends of RTS as they consider making gifts that benefit the ministry of the Seminary. For individuals engaging in estate planning or making special planned gifts, certain tools are available to maximize the impact of a gift for both the donor and for the ministry of RTS.

Our trained and experienced team will help you make the most of your gift while simultaneously lowering taxes and even increasing income. This is especially helpful for those who have non-income producing assets, which can be exchanged for a lifetime income.

One does not have to be wealthy to take advantage of the services provided by the RTS Foundation or to make a significant gift to Reformed Theological Seminary. Even someone of modest means can make a lasting legacy gift that can equip future pastors and church leaders.

Through outright gifts of cash, donor advised funds, established plans providing lifetime income, trusts, charitable gift annuities, gifts of real estate or other property, one may make a lasting and beneficial gift that supports students enrolled in the biblical and theological programs of Reformed Theological Seminary and thereby impacts people with the gospel around the world.

What is the Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM?

- It is a properly established donor advised fund whereby a donor may contribute cash, property or other assets of value to the RTS Foundation with the understanding that the Foundation will seek the advice of the donor for distribution to other approved 501(c)(3) in harmony with the mission and purpose of the RTS Foundation
- The fund will be separately referenced to the specific donor
- Final authority for approval and distribution of gifts to other charitable organizations resides with the RTS Foundation

How does the Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM work?

- Gifts are made now and tax benefits are available in the current tax year
- Gift distributions to approved charities may be delayed until the future
- There may be deferred and/or testamentary gifts made to the Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM

Tax Advantages

- The tax deduction is used in the year the gift is made to the Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM and under the same rules and restrictions as other gifts to a public charity
- Consult with a representative of the RTS Foundation on timing of gifts, especially gifts of appreciated assets like stock or real estate

Advantages of establishing a Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM with the RTS Foundation

- Timing...you can make your gift now while the value is great but delay what specific charities you wish to support until later
- The Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM is like having your own private foundation except you don't have all the "headaches," paperwork, filings and compliance issues
- Avoid dealing with multiple organizations and their development staffs
- Anonymity, if desired
- Professional management of funds providing better stewardship of gifts
- Professional screening of charities

ADVANTAGES OVER PRIVATE FOUNDATION

PRIVATE FOUNDATION	MIND & HEART DONOR ADVISED FUND SM
Legal and accounting fees to establish	No start-up costs
5% of FMV distribution required annually	No set minimum distribution requirement.
Foundations need to manage assets, balance books, keep records, and prepare foundation tax returns	All administrative, investment and record-keeping services are provided by the fund
Significant annual costs, such as liability insurance, administrative charges, tax and accounting fees, potential penalties for failing to file Forms 990-PF, etc.	Very low or no annual costs
Excise taxes are usually 2% of investment income annually	No tax on Fund investment income
Donor must verify proper grantee status and comply with any expenditure responsibility requirements	Foundation verifies proper grantee and aids with expenditure responsibility
Complicated rules apply on prohibited transactions that must be understood and followed	Fewer rules apply, and RTSF is available to help donors comply
Current year tax benefit limited to: 30% of adjusted gross income for cash gifts	Current year tax benefit limited to: 50% of adjusted gross income for cash gifts
Limit of 20% of adjusted gross income for appreciated property	Limit of 30% of adjusted gross income for appreciated property
Deduct up to 100% of FMV for publicly traded securities, but not other property such as closely held securities or land	Deduct up to 100% of FMV for publicly, and closely held securities and land
Complete anonymity not possible	Complete anonymity available

This comparison should not be read to imply that a donor's privilege to make distribution recommendations from a fund limits the Foundation's full control and discretion over all funds donated to it, as described in its Procedures for Donor Advised Funds. Also, check information at www.mindandheartdaf.com. The Foundation will investigate allegations of improper use of grant funds for the private benefit of donors. Such private benefit is prohibited. The Foundation will not be bound by the advice offered by donors.

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund, although not a donor advised fund, enables you to make contributions to the RTS Foundation exclusively for its exempt purposes without any specifications or recommendations.

This fund is useful for those who wish to support Christian ministries but are unsure of ministries worthy of their support.

The Trustees of RTS Foundation will make all decisions regarding uses and gifts from the General Fund, and will insure that such gifts are used internally or directed to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations carrying out the Foundation's exempt purposes.

No administrative fee is charged the donor for any gift to the General Fund although other fees may accrue to this fund from which administrative expenses will be paid.

REGULAR DONOR ADVISED FUND

As a donor to the Mind & Heart Donor Advised FundSM of the RTS Foundation you may elect to establish a Regular Donor Advised Fund which allows you to make a gift to the Foundation and later recommend distributions to one or more eligible 501(c)(3) organizations, including, but not limited to Reformed Theological Seminary.

You will receive a tax deduction, to the extent allowed by law, in the year of the gift to the Foundation. Disbursements from the fund may be made in whole or in part in the year of the gift or subsequent years.

No income shall accrue to the Regular Donor Advised Fund but neither will an annual administrative fee be charged.

Please refer to the RTS Foundation Procedures Manual or www.mindandheartdaf.com for full details.

ENDOWMENT DONOR ADVISED FUND

As a donor to the RTS Foundation you may establish an Endowment Donor Advised Fund, enabling you to receive a tax deduction, to the extent allowed by law, in the year of the gift, and in that year and subsequent years, advise the trustees of the Foundation regarding eligible 501(c)(3) recipients.

The income accruing to your Endowment Fund or principal, upon your recommendations to the Foundation, may be disbursed on a periodic basis to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations, including, but not limited to Reformed Theological Seminary.

Endowment Donor Advised Funds shall terminate at the death of the last donor of the fund. At termination the balance in the fund shall be distributed per written agreement with the donor(s) to approved 501(c)(3) organizations or in the absence of an agreement with the donor(s) the balance shall be distributed to the General Fund of the Foundation. The Foundation may, at its discretion, extend an Endowment Donor Advised Fund for a definite period of time following the death of the last donor if it elects to do so.

A typical annual fee of 1% of the asset value of your Fund will be assessed to cover administrative costs.

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Administrative Fees and Transaction Costs

Endowment Donor Advised Funds will be charged a typical annual fee of 1% of asset value prorated on a quarterly basis.

EDA Funds with a value over \$500,000 will be charged a reduced rate as set forth by the RTS Foundation Board of Trustees.

Regular Donor Advised Funds will be charged no administrative fee; however, if the number of distribution checks exceeds 24 per year, the 25th and subsequent distribution checks will carry a transaction cost of \$15.00 per check, which is deducted from the fund balance.

General Fund

There will be no charge assessed any gift to the General Fund.

Non-Cash Gifts

Any gift to the RTS Foundation that consists of property other than cash or cash equivalents will ordinarily be accompanied by a contribution of cash (to cover Foundation expenses in connection with converting that property to cash) equal to the greater of \$250.00 or one percent (1%) of the value of the gifted property.

Note

The above fees described may be changed from time to time by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation without prior notice to the donors. Donors will be notified, in a timely fashion, of such changes having been made.

Exceptions to the annual fees and costs schedule may be made by the Board of Trustees in writing on a prospective basis.

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