

What is the difference between Restricted funds and Designated funds?

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Restricted funds are donations received by a Meeting which are restricted in their use by the donor. The donor may or may not also restrict the use of income generated by the funds.

Designated funds are funds which come from unrestricted donations to the Meeting and then are designated by the Meeting for a particular purpose.

Only the donor creates a restriction on the use of restricted funds.

The Meeting creates a designation of unrestricted funds which then creates designated funds.

Restricted funds typically include funds received which are restricted by a bequest or may come from a fund raising effort for some specific purpose such as a new building or renovating a Meeting House.

Meetings sometimes designate funds for scholarships, aid to members, building maintenance, etc. Such funds may accumulate from year to year or expire at the end of the Meeting's fiscal year. Income from designated funds may even be used for the operating expenses of the Meeting.

Restricted funds are excluded from the apportionment calculation. Designated funds are included in the apportionment calculation.

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