

A LASTING PRESENCE THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHURCH

There are many ways to make gifts to your church to ensure its future. Gifts can be made through current donations, wills, trusts, memorials or other ways you may desire, and may be made during your lifetime or upon your death or the death of a loved one. Gifts can be in the form of cash, assignment of life insurance or retirement plan benefits, securities and real estate.

Gifts intended for current use by St. John's are preferably to be used for the general ministries and purposes of St. John's.

Gifts intended to provide a basis for the permanent needs of St. John's and its programs are made to the Permanent Endowment Fund, and are designated for specific purposes as desired by the donor. Only the income from this fund is withdrawn on an annual basis and applied for the designated purpose. The purpose may range from the general budget to missions, scholarships, facilities maintenance, music, children and youth.

We are living in a time of unprecedented wealth transfer from older to younger generations, the members of St. John's are encouraged to be active stewards of the resources God has bestowed on them - during their lifetimes and after - to benefit the church, its mission and ministry. We all have the opportunity to be sowers of a financial "mustard seed" that will enable the ministry of St. John's today and in future years.

It is not an easy thing to give back to God all that we have received...This work will require all our wisdom, perseverance, patience and faithfulness. Good stewardship requires more than we naturally have within ourselves but not more than we receive from grace. God's grace is sufficient for us, and we know 'all things can be done for the one who believes.'

— John Wesley, Founder
The United Methodist Church

TYPES OF PLANNED GIFTS

Bequest in a Will or Trust

A will is the most straight forward and common vehicle for establishing planned gifts. Several options are listed below:

- Make an outright bequest of a specified dollar amount, specified percentage of your estate or specific property;
- Name St. John's as a remainder beneficiary to receive remaining funds one previously named bequests, expenses and taxes have been covered;
- Name St. John's as a contingent beneficiary to receive funds when other named beneficiaries are no longer living.

Real Estate and other Appreciated Property

You can benefit the ministries of St. John's using real estate or other real property by:

- Giving the property outright;
- Selling the property and donating the proceeds to St. John's;
- Creating a life estate contract by transferring the title to St. John's while you continue to use and benefit from the property during your lifetime.

Gifts That Provide the Donor Lifetime Income

Establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust or Pooled Income Fund allows you to convert an asset that has appreciated but that has a low yield into a gift to St. John's. This gift can provide a steady income stream to you or a named beneficiary. In addition, these gifts may also provide reductions in income, capital gains and/or estate taxes.

Life Insurance

Naming St. John's as a beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy is one of the easiest, most affordable ways to provide for future ministries of St. John's. In some cases you may receive a tax deduction and future premiums may also be deductible.

The above are just a few of the ways to provide for the future good works of St. John's. We suggest that you meet with your financial or estate planner, attorney or such other professional who can further explain the details of the above alternatives, and the financial, tax and legal consequences. They will help you determine which planning vehicle is most appropriate for you, considering your long term financial goals and legacy priorities. We will gladly work with your advisors to assist in any way. We also recommend that you advise your family of your plans and wishes.

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