# WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.

#### An investment in our future

You may already donate to the church through an annual pledge, a donation to the offering plate on Sunday morning, or an occasional gift. If so, thank you! You're helping to support the work we're doing right now, today.

Planned Giving is about the future. By including the church in your will, you enable us to enrich every aspect of our parish life: our worship and music; our pastoral and healing ministries; our children

and youth programs; our connections with First Nations Kitchen, the Minnehaha Food Shelf, and our friends in Bigonet, Haiti; our justice work; our mission to make ourselves a 'public church;' and our physical plant.

With your legacy gift, we'll be able to grow and try new things, respond to community needs, and address unforeseen challenges — for years to come.



### Before you go...

If you're at least 70½ years old and you have an IRA, you may be able to take advantage of Qualified Charitable Distributions, which will make your donations tax-free. And if you've reached the age where you have to take Required Minimum Distributions, your QCDs will count toward those. As always, get advice from a qualified professional.



We have witnessed firsthand the power of Planned Giving. Funds dedicated to property needs have been a lifesaver for our aging building. We have been blessed by these types of gifts and believe it's our way of "paying it forward" so future generations can continue the work of our congregation.

- Tom & Gayle Junnila



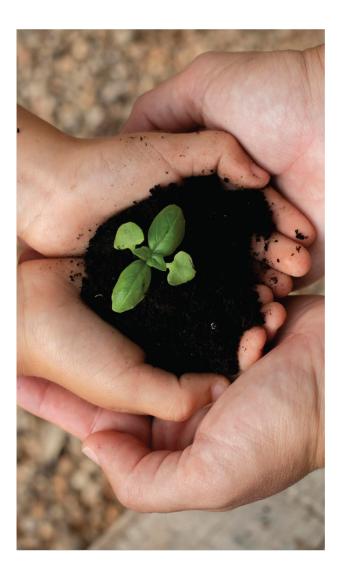
LET US WITH GLADNESS
PRESENT THE OFFERINGS
AND OBLATIONS OF OUR LIFE
AND LABOR TO THE LORD.

## Ready to make a plan? Need to learn more?

Planned Giving doesn't have to be complicated, but you'll be making some important decisions. Get professional advice.

If you don't have a will, that's a good place to start. Meet with a lawyer who specializes in estate law or elder law.

Planned gifts are often in the form of bequests, but there are many other ways to give – trusts, annuities, pooled investment funds, real estate, and more. Choosing the right way can increase the value of your gift, and there may be tax advantages too. Talk with a financial advisor, or contact a representative at the Episcopal Church Foundation www.ecf.org/giving or 800-697-2858.





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# What is Planned Giving?

ALL THAT WE ARE, AND ALL THAT WE HAVE, COMES FROM GOD AND WILL ONE DAY RETURN TO GOD.

You know the old saying, right? You can't take it with you. But with Planned Giving, you can at least decide what's going to happen to it after you go. It's a chance for you to define your legacy. Through Planned Giving, you can have a positive impact on the future of your family, your loved ones, and the charitable institutions you support — including, we hope, Grace Episcopal Church.



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