

WHAT IS
LEGACY GIVING?

A statement that our
parish should
*continue into the
future.*

An expression of
what has
meaning in your life.

Our bridge to the
next generation.

“The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”

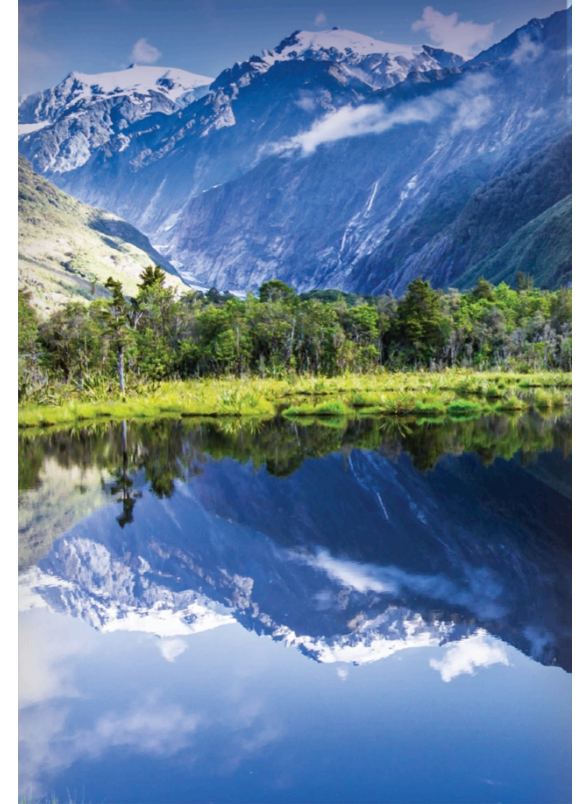
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A GIFT OF GRATITUDE

a Legacy of Faith



SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR LEGACY

A LEGACY GIFT IS A LASTING GIFT OF GRATITUDE...

So it is important to take time to make a prayerful and thoughtful consideration of the legacy you would like to leave. Individuals of all income levels make planned gifts to accomplish their charitable purposes. This type of gift speaks to intention and generosity more than net worth. All bequests can be distributed as either a percentage or a specific dollar amount. Here are several ways to make a legacy gift:

- A. **Making a Bequest in your Will or Trust:**
- B. **Naming the Church as a Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy**
- C. **Naming the Church as a Beneficiary of a Retirement Account**
- D. **Naming the Church as a Remainder Beneficiary of a Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Lead Trust, or Charitable Remainder Trust:** These types of gifts give the donor guaranteed lifetime fixed income payments as well as offer significant tax savings.
- E. **Giving Cash and Publicly Traded Securities:** These types of gifts provide a tax deduction and are easy to make if you have liquid assets that are not needed now.

Please consult with your attorney, financial and/or tax advisor before making your legacy gift as it is important to rely on your trusted professional advisors for legal or tax advice.

LEGACY GIFTS WILL BE USED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ASCENSION

Church of the Ascension has established an Endowment Fund, which consists of two sub-funds: the Permanent Fund and the Flexible Fund. The proceeds of both funds are placed in funds managed by the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. The Endowment Committee, with oversight from the Vestry, manages the percentage of allocation in each fund. The Permanent Fund's annual spending is capped at 4% to preserve the principal. The Flexible Fund can be drawn from when deemed appropriate by the Vestry. Both funds are carefully invested, and accumulated earnings are used for Ascension's ministry and building needs.

To make a legacy gift, complete the Enrollment Form available from the Parish Office and return it in person or by mail to the Parish Office. This notification will enroll you in The Ascension Legacy and place your name with others who leave legacy gifts to Church of the Ascension.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

WHY MAKE A LEGACY GIFT?

To acknowledge that all we have comes from God and in thanksgiving return a portion as an act of Holy stewardship.

To gain the peace of mind that comes when you know that you have set your affairs in order and made plans to care for family and those institutions and causes which have had meaning to you during your lifetime.

To grow the Endowment Fund and meet the ministry and building needs of Ascension.

To receive tax benefits and current life income depending on the type of planned gift you choose.