

## ***What is Planned Giving?***

Planned Giving simply means gift planning. A planned gift to a congregation is a thoughtful commitment to the future of the church. Individuals plan to contribute assets at some time in the future by making the appropriate arrangements now - it's a deferred gift. They maximize tax and other financial benefits at the same time, as they meet their charitable objectives. The donor may designate their planned gift for a special purpose, such as a building project, a long term operational need, the endowment fund, etc.

The assets may take the form of:

- Savings
- Investments (e.g. stocks and bonds)
- Retirement plan benefits
- Real estate
- Life insurance policies
- Tangible personal property (e.g. art, jewelry).

Planned gifts are meant to perpetuate something of great value and meaning. Often, a planned gift is the ultimate gift a person can make, both in size and finality.

## ***What is the Endowment Fund?***

The Church Endowment Fund was established for the sole purpose of providing supplemental funding of programs and services.

An Endowment Fund is allowed to grow and provide for the long-term financial stability of the ministry. The interest from the fund often is used for necessary church expenses, including outreach, missions, etc..



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## ***Planned Gifts***

## ***A Way to Leave Your Legacy***

*"..For everything is  
from You, and we only  
give You what we  
already have received  
from You."*

*~1 Chronicles 29:14-16*

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**There may be many reasons why you want to Leave Your Legacy**

- To commemorate the life of a loved one.
- To celebrate a long history of membership in this church.
- To continue the mission of the church for decades to come.
- To assure funds are available to keep the church and ministry viable for future generations.
- To purchase specific items needed by the church.
- To support a special need or program of our church.
- To build the Endowment Fund.

*"A strong planned giving program is essential to the long-term stability of our church. Please consider a gift that will keep First Congregational Church "Alive in the Spirit."*

**Here are ways to Leave Your Legacy To First Congregational Church**

- Gifts by Bequest or Will
- Gifts of Cash
- Gifts of Life Insurance
- Gifts of Life Insurance Annuities
- Gifts of Mutual Funds
- Gifts of Securities, Investments and other Properties
- Gifts of Charitable Trust
- Gifts of Qualified Retirement Plan Benefits.

**How to begin to Leave Your Legacy**

- Pray to God for guidance in making your decision
- Remember all who will benefit for years to come
- Contact your Accountant, Financial Consultant or Attorney
- Establish an Estate Plan: To protect your assets so they last your entire lifetime; to transfer your assets at death with the least amount of cost to your heirs and to arrange ownership of your assets and ensure they go to whom you choose.
- Establish a Will or Trust
- Properly arrange ownership of your property so it corresponds to your Will or Trust
- Include First Congregational Church in your Will or Trust and Leave Your Legacy

**Who to contact to Leave Your Legacy**

- Your Accountant
- Your Financial Consultant
- Your Attorney
- Church Office

*"This is our opportunity to leave lasting gifts that will benefit First Congregational Church forever."*

