

St. James Legacy Giving

*How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?
Psalm 116:12*

One of the joys of writing a will is the ability to make a commitment to the continuation of the priorities and values one has cherished during a lifetime.

Legacy Giving or Planned Giving is a concept grounded in being a faithful steward of the resources God has entrusted to us. As Christians, we hope to practice the kind of giving that reflects our grateful response to God's goodness. Most active Christians do this is through regular financial support of their church during their lifetimes.

Thinking beyond this life to make a provision for continuing financial support of our Christian community is a natural extension of such faithful stewardship. The St. James Endowment Fund provides a means for parish members to express their faith and their love of St. James by offering a portion of their accumulated resources.

We at St. James Episcopal Church are grateful for the legacy left to us by our predecessors and believe that we have a similar responsibility for future generations. We therefore support an active ministry of legacy giving for the benefit of St. James and its parishioners.

Making a legacy gift can be accomplished through a bequest in a will or codicil or through a planned gift such as a life insurance designation, a gift of retirement plan assets, a gift annuity, or other charitable trust. Details regarding these types of gifts can be obtained by contacting the Legacy Giving Committee and your financial advisor.

A person who leaves any size bequest or a planned gift of any size from their estate and who informs the Legacy Giving Committee of their plans is considered a member of the Legacy Society.

Our hope is that the circle of those who wish to share their blessings with the church through such a bequest or gift will be continually expanded.

Please notify the church of a planned gift provision you have already made by completing the Letter of Intent on the reverse side and returning it to the Rector or a member of the Legacy Giving Committee. If you would like to discuss planned giving opportunities, contact a member of the Legacy Giving Committee.

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