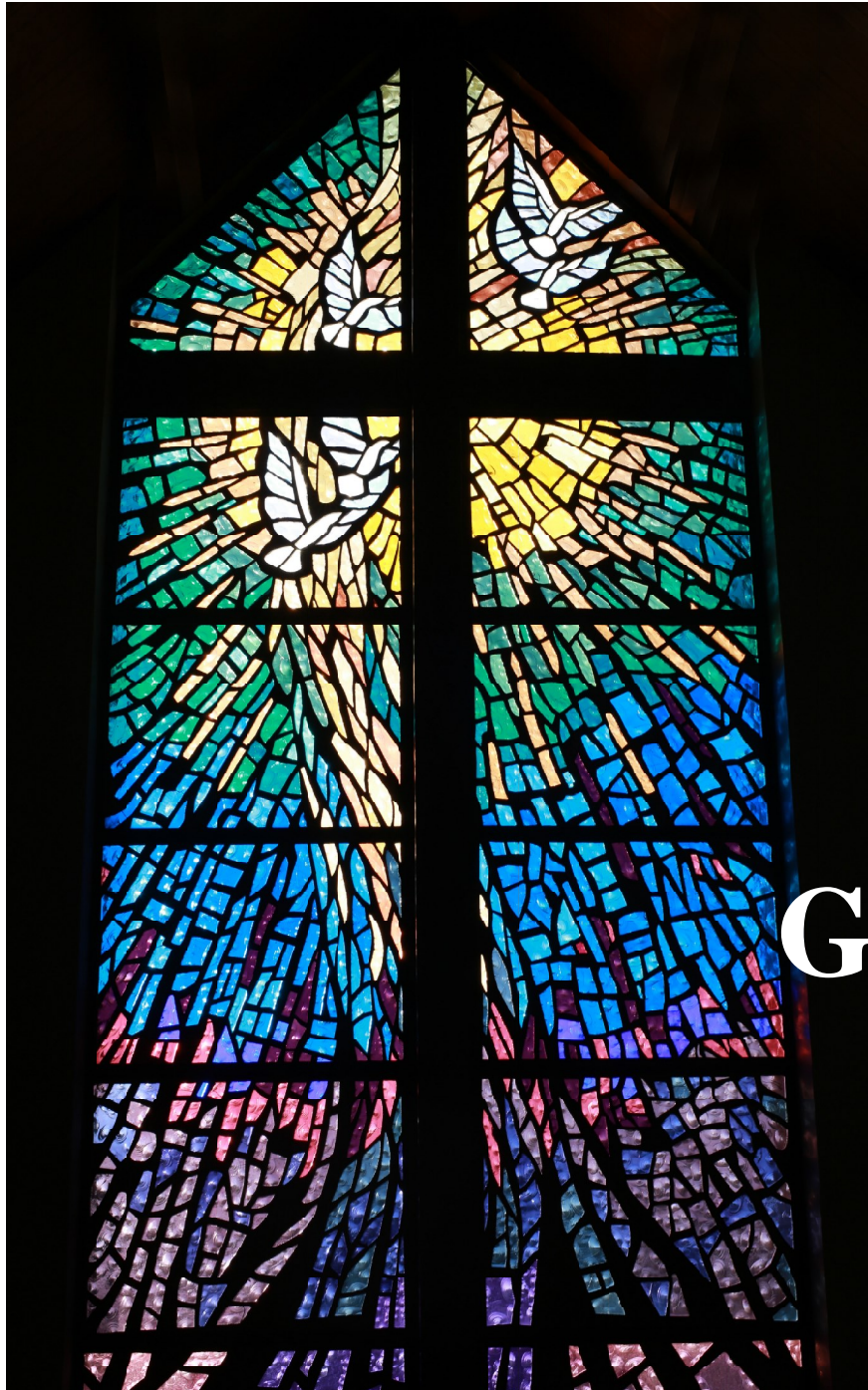


Gift Planning Guide



Forest Lake
Presbyterian Church

HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST



God has given us two hands—
*one to receive with and
the other to give with.*

Billy Graham

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A Challenge To The Saints – Spring 2015

Dear Forest Lake Presbyterian Church Members,

Every year in early January, our congregation celebrates the Sacrament of Communion and remembers those who have gone ahead of us into the Kingdom of God. Each year, we print the names of the Saints of the church who have died during the past year. Each year we lose to death members who have built this congregation, and we wonder how we will make it without them. We remember and give thanks for the men and women who taught Sunday School, served as youth leaders, Elders, Deacons, Circle Leaders and so many other gentle servants of God. We see the names of those “Saints” of our church, and we give humble thanks for the foundation that they have provided – both literal and faith foundations – for us.

But rarely do these foundational Saints think to give a planned gift to the church through their estate. Clearly this generation loved and cared for the church where they worshiped. They showed the next generations how to connect faith and life, how to navigate through difficult times and how to make the church of Jesus Christ a “provisional demonstration of what God intends for all humanity.” (1988 Book of Order: G-3.0200) They taught us about sharing time and talents and treasure for the sake of the Kingdom of God. But, while they did this with generosity and faithfulness throughout their lives, very few remember the ministry of the church in their Last Will and Testament. Why do so few make a bequest to help the church continue the work which they supported so strongly during their life? It is safe to say this is true in almost any church. If twenty (20) Saints of the church pass away in a given year in any given church, it would be unusual if even two of those Saints remembered the Church in their Will.

Recently I was reading the April 13, 2015 issue of *The Presbyterian Outlook*. On page 32 of the magazine there was the following posting:

The Stembler Director for Biblical and Theological Studies
First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia

John H. Stembler Jr., a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, died in July 2007. Upon his death, Mr. Stembler left a generous bequest to the congregation for the purposes of increasing biblical and theological knowledge. The Stembler Director for Biblical and Theological Studies will serve as a resident scholar and chief teacher of the Bible, biblical history and theology. (full-time position)

What would it look like if more and more Saints of the church did what John Stembler did when he remembered his church in his Last Will and Testament? What would it look like if congregations all across our country expanded mission and ministry in new ways they could never have imagined just a few years before? It may be a designated bequest for a specific purpose (mission trip or summer camp scholarships, habitat houses, scholar-in-residence, seminary support, missionary support). It may be a planned gift made to supplement an on-going capital campaign (new construction, debt retirement, capital repairs, etc.) This Gift Planning Guide is provided to each household at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in the hope of challenging each household with the possibility of remembering the Causes of Christ through a Planned Gift.

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. J. Eric Skidmore
Parish Associate

Suggestions for Planned Gifts

Would you consider?

- 1** Designating a portion of your planned gift to be paid toward a future pipe organ
- 2** Endowing your annual pledge to the church
- 3** Making an undesignated planned gift/bequest to the church
- 4** Making a designated gift to the church endowment fund
- 5** Making a designated gift toward future construction at the church (Life Center)
- 6** Making a designated gift for enhancing our church property, repairing our physical plant, making improvements, etc.
- 7** Endowing an Annual Lecture Series or Annual Mission Trip
- 8** Endowing an Annual Music Event or Academic Scholarship
- 9** Endowing a Missionary in Residence or Theologian in Residence Program
- 10** Gifting the Church with a house for use as lodging for Missionary/Theologian in Residence
- 11** Remembering Presbyterian institutions in your will (Presbyterian Communities, Presbyterian College, Thornwell, Montreat, etc.)
- 12** Gifting real property to the church for use as a church retreat site or church camp or perhaps for resale

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Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

The Origins of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Forest Lake began with a meeting of thirty Presbyterians from the North Trenholm area. This first official meeting was held at Satchel Ford Road School on September 19, 1956. The Reverend Harry F. Peterson, Executive Secretary of Congaree Presbytery, presided over this gathering. This church was formally organized on November 18, 1956, with 72

petitioners. This meeting included the election of trustees and authorization to sign a building contract and borrow \$75,000. The first Communion Service concluded this meeting.

During the life of this church we have had five senior pastors. The Reverend Joseph Sherwood Harvard, Sr., the first Pastor, was installed January 1958, and served through December 1969.

from August 2006 to the present.

On July 21, 1957, the congregation occupied the new church building which included the Sanctuary, church offices, Sunday school rooms, Fellowship Hall, and a kitchen. During the late 1950's and early 1960's, the two educational buildings were erected. In 1989, a new wing which housed the Parlor, Choir Room, and Library on the 2nd floor with the Fellowship Hall and new Kitchen on the ground floor was built to provide additional space. An elevator was installed. In April 2001, our expanded renovated, modernized facility was dedicated to the glory of God.

From its beginning in 1957 with 72 members, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church has served this community and now has a membership of over 675. We have a total of approximately 300 worshippers at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

Subsequent Pastors have been the Reverend William D. Varker from June 1970 to July 1977, Dr. P. David Reynolds from August 1978 until April 1988, Dr. James I. St. John, from August 1989 until December 2004, and Dr. Ellen Fowler Skidmore,



Why we have remembered the church in our wills.



Our blessings are many. We believe Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and that “Every one to whom much is given, of him much be required” (Luke 12:48). We also believe that the church and its institutions are a necessity for this proclamation. Therefore, we have bequeathed ten percent of our retirement accounts to our church, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, and ten percent to our college, Newberry College. To God be the Glory...

— *John and Martha Hudgens*



Margaret and I recently included Presbyterian College and Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in our wills because it was a simple way to repay two Christian institutions that have meant so much to us. Presbyterian College influenced how we treated people and each other for the first 30 years of our adult life and Forest Lake has had a similar positive effect and, hopefully, will continue to affect us for the next 30 years.

— *Wayne and Margaret Harris*



Since we are contributing to the ministry of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church while we are alive, we decided that we wanted to continue this practice after our deaths. We found an easy way to do this is to make the Forest Lake Presbyterian Endowment Fund the beneficiary of a percentage of an IRA. This action did not involve any change in our wills; we merely listed the Forest Lake Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund as another beneficiary of the IRA. By choosing to have this money go to the Endowment Fund, we know that the interest from it will continue to further our church’s mission in perpetuity.

— *Judy and Thad Timmons*

Why we have remembered the church in our wills.



Barbara and I made the decision to include Forest Lake in our will because Forest Lake continues to be a significant part of our “family.” The Lord has blessed us in many ways and it only seems appropriate for us to return to Him and His church a portion of our monetary blessings. In I Timothy 6:7 we read, “For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we carry nothing out.” Our accumulation of worldly goods is due to God’s equipping us with the ability to do so. We wish to honor Him by providing a gift to Forest Lake that will, in some way, help our church continue its mission here and throughout His kingdom.

— *Russell and Barbara Holbrook*



Marie and I arrived in Columbia in 1965 and started attending Forest Lake Church. After a military assignment which took us away from South Carolina, we made the decision to retire and return to Columbia and Forest Lake Church in 1972. When we made our wills, we both agreed Forest Lake Church should be included. We did this to honor God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us and to continue the work of the church into the future.

— *Henry and Marie Maine*



Prudent financial and estate planning has allowed us to include Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as a part of our estate plan. We feel strongly that the mission of our church is part of God’s will and needs to continue long after we leave this life. Being fortunate enough to see the Endowment Fund make tangible and lasting contributions to the enrichment of other people’s lives has been a true blessing. Continuing this form of outreach is exactly why our Endowment Fund was created. By using this vehicle to fund future needs, we can answer the call to service by providing the means necessary to carry out God’s will here on Earth.

— *Bill and Lori Hancock*

Why we have remembered the church in our wills.

In 1963 we first visited Forest Lake looking for a new church home. After two visits we knew we had found one. The good news of Christ Jesus was being taught, preached and put into action here and we wanted to be a part of that. Over the years we have seen many changes, but the mission has always remained the same - to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our daughter grew up at Forest Lake, was married here, and is now an Elder in her church in North Carolina. We have been blessed in so many ways by being a part of Forest Lake. Of course we want to see this continue for future generations. One way is to include our church in our will. We felt uncertain about a specific amount. One Sunday in a sermon, the Pastor suggested willing a percentage of your estate to the church instead of a dollar amount. Problem solved! That is what we



have done. We, and our daughter, feel so comfortable with this decision. We thank God that we might have a small part in the work of Forest Lake even after we are gone.

— *Al and Lois Hamilton*



When I was a young adult my home was flooded during a hurricane, with four and a half feet of water. Our Presbyterian church friends, and the larger church helped us physically and fiscally with our recovery. There was a time when I worked three jobs and still could not pay all of my bills, so I could have been called, “working poor.” Now that I am able, I believe in giving responsively, and have chosen to set up a portion of my Will and Trust to pay forward through this church, as others have done in the past. I truly believe that Forest Lake Church and the greater Presbyterian Church, P.C.U.S.A., are set up to make wise decisions for the use of the endowment funds, and that we can all show our faith and our love, by helping those who come after us. This is a way that I can continue to be of help to others into the future.

— *Elizabeth M. Walker (Betty)*

Profiles in Generosity



FLPC Member Gives Away House to Wounded Warrior

Last summer, FLPC Member Betty Walker came up with the idea of donating a house she owned in Giddings, Texas to a Wounded Warrior. She had no idea of the time and effort it would take to give away this house to a young soldier and his family. She contacted Celebrate Freedom here in Columbia, SC. This organization aims to honor vets from all wars and help educate their children. They were excited about Betty's idea and they thought they could help make it happen. Contacts were made with Honorvets in NY, and they contacted the Marines in Houston, Texas to help select the right person for this house and this location. A couple was found who needed and wanted the house. The young Marine had been severely wounded in Afghanistan and was considered 90% disabled. At the end of November 2012, Betty's wish was granted when she signed over the house to the couple through the Honorvets. The City of Giddings, Texas, and its mayor, became deeply involved in bringing the community together to bring the sturdy brick house up-to-date. A new roof was donated, walls were removed inside to open the living-dining-kitchen area, the bath was made larger, floors refinished, plumbing was updated and new fixtures installed. It was completely repainted inside and out and new appliances were put into place. The Boy Scouts of America cleaned the five lots with the house and the site was planted with fresh flowers.

A celebration was held on March 2, 2013 with Sean and Anna Friedrik, (see picture) the receiving couple, FLPC Member Betty Walker, family members and many of the people who worked on the house. They were joined by members of the Texas Legislature as well as NY and TX representatives from Honorvets, the Boy Scouts and local church members who provided food for this wonderful event. Betty shares this story in the hope that others will consider donating their homes to worthy causes.



The Stewardship Committee welcomes conversations with Forest Lake

Members who may wish to make a gift of real property to the Causes of Christ through our Church.

Profiles in Generosity

Two Women Who Loved Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Kackie McCurry (*left*) and Nell Harper (*right*) were two longtime members of our congregation who loved their Church. Kackie died September 25, 2012 and Nell died January 12, 2013.



Church historians and stewardship scholars tell us that when it comes to Planned Gifts, North American Christians are strangely silent. We make bequests to our colleges, to our graduate schools and to various secular and faith-based institutions, yet, relatively speaking, very few Christians make a Planned Gift (a bequest) to their home congregation.

Sometime during the course of their lives, Kackie and Nell made a conscious decision to remember Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in their Wills. We can assume they each took time to research what it might mean to give a planned gift to the Church. They prayed about it, they spoke with their legal advisors about it and they signed the legal documents which made their gift a reality upon their transfer from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. Their generous acts will enable Forest Lake to receive funds for Mission and Ministry which would not have been available without their faithful decision to use their Last Will and Testament as an instrument of Christian Stewardship.



May we be inspired and challenged by these two faithful women who decided during their lifetime to make gifts which would benefit generations yet to come!

Types of Devises

A **Specific Devise** leaves a specific item or amount. For example: “I give and devise the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, South Carolina, or its successors, for such uses and purposes as its governing board shall deem necessary, and proper.” or “I give and devise the sum of Five (5%) percent of my net estate to ____.”

A **Residual Devise** provides for the distributions of any assets remaining in your estate after all specific devises have been satisfied. For example: “I give and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, South Carolina or its successors, for such uses and purpose as its governing board shall deem necessary and proper.”

A **Contingent Devise** takes effect only if the person(s) designated in the will to receive a particular portion(s) of the estate predeceases the maker of the will.

For Example:

“I devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my property of every kind and description (including lapsed desires), wherever situate and whether acquired before or after the execution of this Will absolutely in fee simple to my wife, Sara Brown, if she shall survive me. If my said

wife shall not survive me, then I devise all of said property to my children, in equal shares, provided, however, the issue of a deceased child shall take his or her parent’s share per stirpes. If at the time of my death I am not survived by my wife, any of my children, or any of my children’s issue, I devise all of said property as follows:

1. Fifty (50%) percent thereof to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, South Carolina, or its successors, for such uses and purposes as its governing board shall deem necessary and proper; and
2. Fifty (50%) percent thereof to (other charity) located at _____ or its successors, for such uses its governing board shall deem necessary and advisable.”

Two of life’s certainties, death and taxes, with all of their important aspects seem to get little planning time. A great majority of Americans die without a will despite the fact that most people have some assets, as well as loved ones about whom they are concerned. We should provide for the well being of loved ones and if able, leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.

The following questions can help you consider major issues in planning the distribution

of your estate. These, and others, should be reviewed carefully, and in greater detail, with your lawyer.

- Do you have a will? Does your spouse?
- Has your will been reviewed in the past few years?
- Have there been changes which would affect your will?
- How are your assets owned? Jointly? Individually?
- Is your spouse comfortable managing money, or should funds be left in a trust? How about your children?
- How will estate and income taxes impact your estate?
- Where should the property go after your spouse’s death?
- Have you planned for your children’s/ grandchildren’s educational or other needs?
- Have you arranged for your spouse’s/parent’s long-term health care needs?
- Are there any other beneficiaries? Church? Charities?
- If you own a business, do you have a buy/sell agreement to ease the transfer of the company stock?

If you wish to include a bequest for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in your will, you should consult your lawyer who can advise you as to tax and other appropriate considerations.

Outright Gifts

In evaluating your total financial picture, you may decide that it would be preferable, for tax or other reasons, to make an outright gift of cash or other assets right away.

Outright gifts of cash represent a vital and important source of financial support for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. They are the easiest gifts to make – and to receive. You are entitled to an income tax charitable deduction equal to the full value of the gift – provided that your charitable deductions do not exceed 50% of adjusted gross income (AGI) in the year the gifts are made. (Any unused portion of the deduction may be carried over into the next five tax years.)

Example: Mr. Augustus has AGI of \$85,000 this year. He contributed \$50,000 to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. He can deduct \$42,500 this year ($\$85,000 \text{ AGI} \times 50\%$); the remaining \$7,500 can be deducted in the next tax year (assuming his AGI in the next year is at least \$15,000). Mr. Augustus' gift of \$50,000 to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church is fully deductible.

Gifts of Securities

Benefits

- Income tax deduction
- Reduced estate taxes
- Avoidance of capital gains
- Knowledge you have helped others

A gift of appreciated securities enables you to make a substantial charitable gift with a low original cost. When donating appreciated securities, you avoid paying capital gains tax and receive an immediate income tax deduction equal to the full value of the gift, provided that your charitable deductions do not exceed 30% of

your AGI. (Again, any excess may be carried forward for up to five years.)

Example: Mrs. Breen donated long-term stock which cost her \$25,000 and is now worth \$90,000. Her AGI is \$120,000 this year. She is entitled to a \$36,000 charitable deduction for the current year ($\$120,000 \times 30\%$) and avoids tax on the \$65,000 appreciation. She is entitled to a deduction of \$36,000 for the next year or 30% of her AGI. The third year, she receives the benefit of the remainder of the deduction.



Gifts of Real Estate

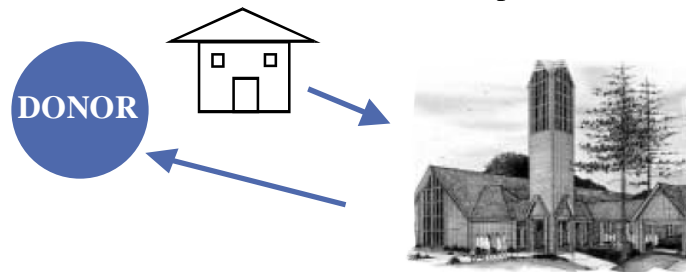
Benefits

- Income tax deduction
- Reduced estate taxes
- Avoidance of capital gains
- Knowledge you have helped others

A gift of real property may be very beneficial for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church and offer you significant tax benefits. The benefits depend on a variety of factors including how the property is

used, how marketable it is, and whether or not there is a mortgage.

When a piece of unmortgaged property is given outright, the donor receives an income tax deduction for the full market value of the property, and avoids paying capital gains tax. (You may deduct 30% of your AGI for the current year, any excess may be carried over for up to five years.) Forest Lake Presbyterian Church may actually use the property, or sell it and use the proceeds.



Life Income Gifts

Many people who desire to make special gifts are faced with the dilemma of strong charitable intent on one hand, but a need to have sufficient resources to support themselves on the other. Worried that they might “outlive” their resources, they hesitate to commit to a gift that they truly desire to make. A Life Income Gift could be the solution.

Life income plans allow you to make a present gift to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in return for lifetime income payments. It is as if you are giving away the vine, but are still able to enjoy the fruits of the harvest each year. This is a financial and philanthropic arrangement in which a charitable gift of cash, securities, or other property continues to provide an income to you, and/or another person named by you for life or other period which you specify (not more than 20 years). After death of the final income beneficiary, the assets pass permanently to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church.

Charitable Remainder Trust

A trust, of which there are many types, is simply a legal document appointing someone to manage assets (the trustee) for the benefit of someone (the beneficiary). The beneficiary can be the creator of the trust (the trustor) or others that the trustor might name. The benefits are two-fold— payment of income to a

beneficiary(ies) and principal to a remainderman(men). A trust is not, by nature, complex and expensive.

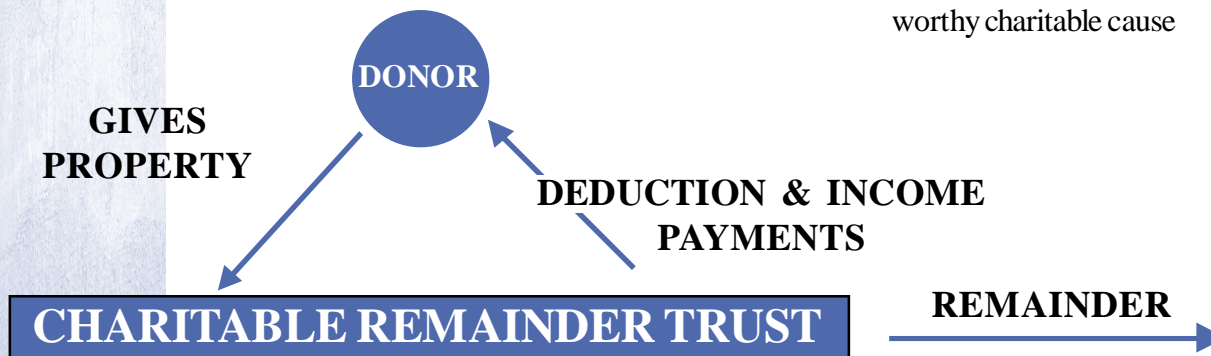
A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is a type of trust which you need not be extremely wealthy to use and which will benefit Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as well as you and your family.

The advantages of a CRT are:

1. A secure source of annual income
2. An enhanced source of annual income
3. An immediate income tax deduction
4. An estate tax shelter
5. A capital-gains tax break on appreciated securities and other property
6. A substantial benefit to a worthy charitable cause

In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for another life.

—Albert Schweitzer



Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

An annuity trust pays a fixed dollar amount – at least 5% of the fair market value of the donated assets at the time of the gift. Any income not paid out is added to the principal. If income is insufficient to pay the required amount, the principal is invaded to make up the deficit. Your income tax deduction depends upon your age, the age of other beneficiaries (if any), the agreed upon percentage of the trust, and fair market value of the assets donated. Once again, there is no capital gains tax on this gift of appreciated property. The Annuity Trust is a good fit for individuals who need a reliable fixed amount of income.

Example: Mr. Donald owns appreciated stock from the company for which he was a lifetime employee. He donates these securities to establish an annuity trust with a value at the time of the gift of \$267,000, naming himself and his wife as lifetime beneficiaries. The trust agreement provides for annual pay-

ments to the couple and then to the surviving spouse of \$16,020, or 6%. The annual payments are taxable. At the death of the surviving spouse, the remainder of the trust's assets go to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church for the purposes designated by Mr. Donald.



Remember that what you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to another, but what you are will be yours forever.

—Henry van Dyke

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

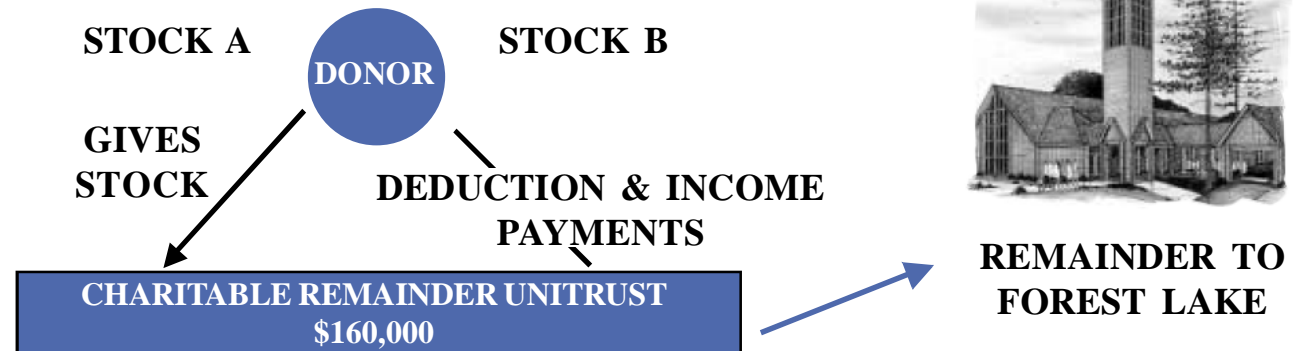
A unitrust pays a variable income. An agreed upon percentage, (at least 5%) of the fair market value of the trust's assets, as valued each year, is paid annually. You may elect a "standard unitrust" where excess earnings are always reinvested in the trust, and in which principal is invaded to pay the elected percentage rate when earnings are insufficient to do so. Or you may choose a "net income unitrust" where either the agreed upon percentage or the actual income from the trust is paid, if the income is less than the agreed payout. A variation on this option is a "net income with make-up" provision which allows deficiencies in payouts

to accrue during low income years to be "made up" in years when earnings exceed the agreed payout rate. The tax considerations are the same as an annuity trust. However, a unitrust can be more flexible. A unitrust can also provide a hedge against inflation. One variation allows for more growth while another provides more income. It is simply a matter of what you want

to accomplish, as well as the beneficiary's lifetime needs. Also, the document can be drafted so that you can make additional transfers of assets into the trust at any time.

Example: Mr. Fulton transfers the two stocks he bought 40 years ago into a net income unitrust with an annual payout rate of 6%. The value of the stocks at the transfer was \$160,000. The couple will receive

an annual payment of 6% of the value of the trust as valued each year. If the income on the trust amount is less than 6%, then the actual income is paid. If the amount earned is greater than 6%, the trust principal grows by the difference. At the death of surviving spouse, the remaining principal will be paid to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church.



For it is by giving that one receives; it is by self-forgetting that one finds; it is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

—St. Francis of Assisi



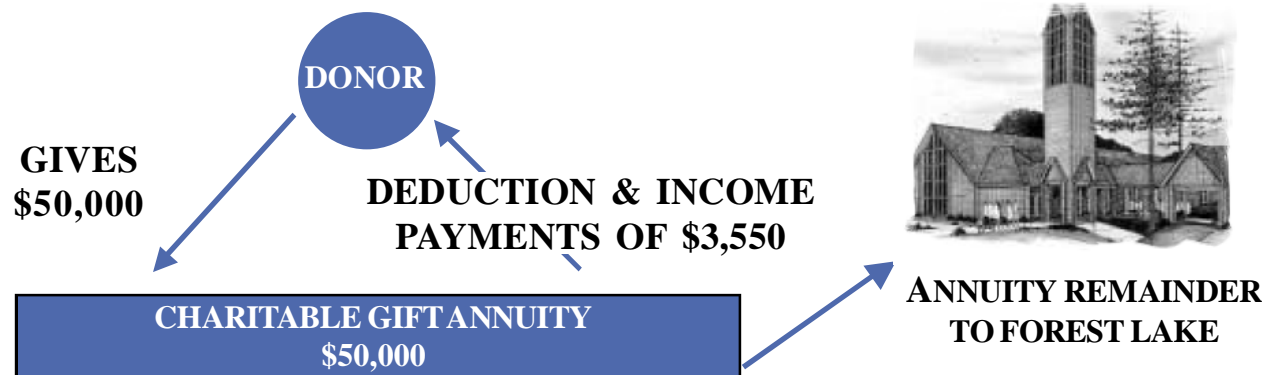
Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is a combination of a gift to charity and an annuity contract. You transfer assets to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church; in return, we agree to make regular, fixed

payments to you for the rest of your life. By its very nature, a CGA allows a higher return than most investments.

You receive a charitable income tax deduction for a portion of the value of your gift. Any capital gains tax on

appreciated securities is spread over the life of the annuity, and some of the annuity income is tax-free for a certain number of years, depending on the age(s) of the beneficiary(ies).



Annuity payments may begin immediately, or they may be deferred to some time in the future. The longer the wait, the higher the income and the greater the tax deduction.

Example: Mr. and Mrs. Jones, ages 68 and 73, donate \$50,000 from a Certificate of Deposit (CD) to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church for a gift annuity. The couple, and then surviving spouse, will receive lifetime annual payments of \$3,550, paid quarterly. Of this amount, \$614.15 is tax-free; and \$2,935.85 is taxable income. The Jones' charitable deduction for the remainder interest is \$37,513.23 and the expected return is \$72,420.

Pooled Income Fund

A pooled income fund is one in which your gift of cash or securities is combined with similar gifts of others and managed like a mutual fund. You or your designated beneficiary(ies) receive your share of the fund earnings each year. This arrangement generally allows for a higher return to you and the opportunity for long-term growth, which will ultimately benefit Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. You are entitled to a charitable tax deduction in the year of the gift. This amount is determined by the number and ages of income beneficiaries.

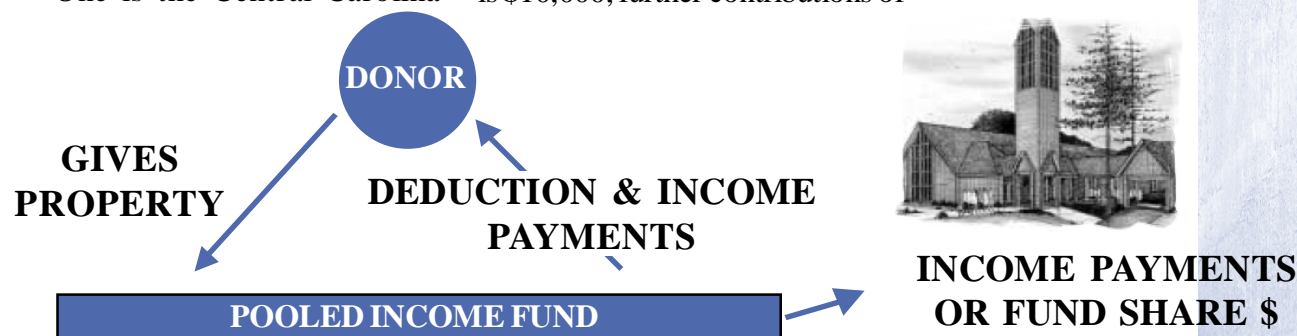
Additionally, when the gift is made with appreciated securities, you will not pay any capital gains tax.

Currently, there are two pooled income funds available for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church.

One is the Central Carolina

Community Foundation Pooled Income Fund which is managed by Bank of America of S.C. The other is the Pooled Income Fund which is managed by the Presbyterian Foundation. The minimum initial gift is \$10,000; further contributions of

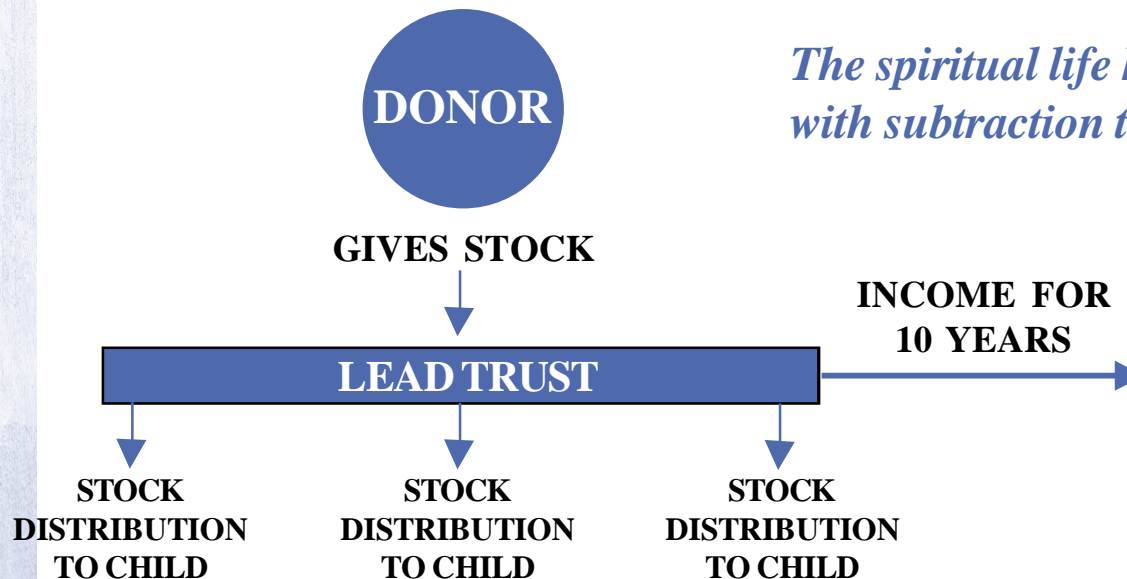
any amount may be added at any time. Upon the death of the donor or other income beneficiary, a designated fund is established for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in your name. (See page 17.)



Charitable Lead Trust

With a Charitable Lead Trust, you can provide immediate support for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church while transferring assets to your heirs at a greatly reduced transfer tax cost. The lead trust pays income to Forest Lake for a term of years. On termination of the lead trust, the trust assets will revert to you or, more likely, your heirs. Although the amount placed in a qualified lead trust is subject to gift and possible estate taxes, the present value of the total payout to charity is subtracted from this amount in determining how much is actually taxable. The trust can be written for a term of years that would make the taxes negligible.

Example: Mr. Williams funds a Charitable Lead Trust with \$1,000,000 in stock for 10 years to help fund an endowment for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. Forest Lake will receive the income from the trust every year for the next 10 years. At the end of 10 years, the stock is then distributed to his three children.



The spiritual life has much more to do with subtraction than with addition.

—Mister Eckhart



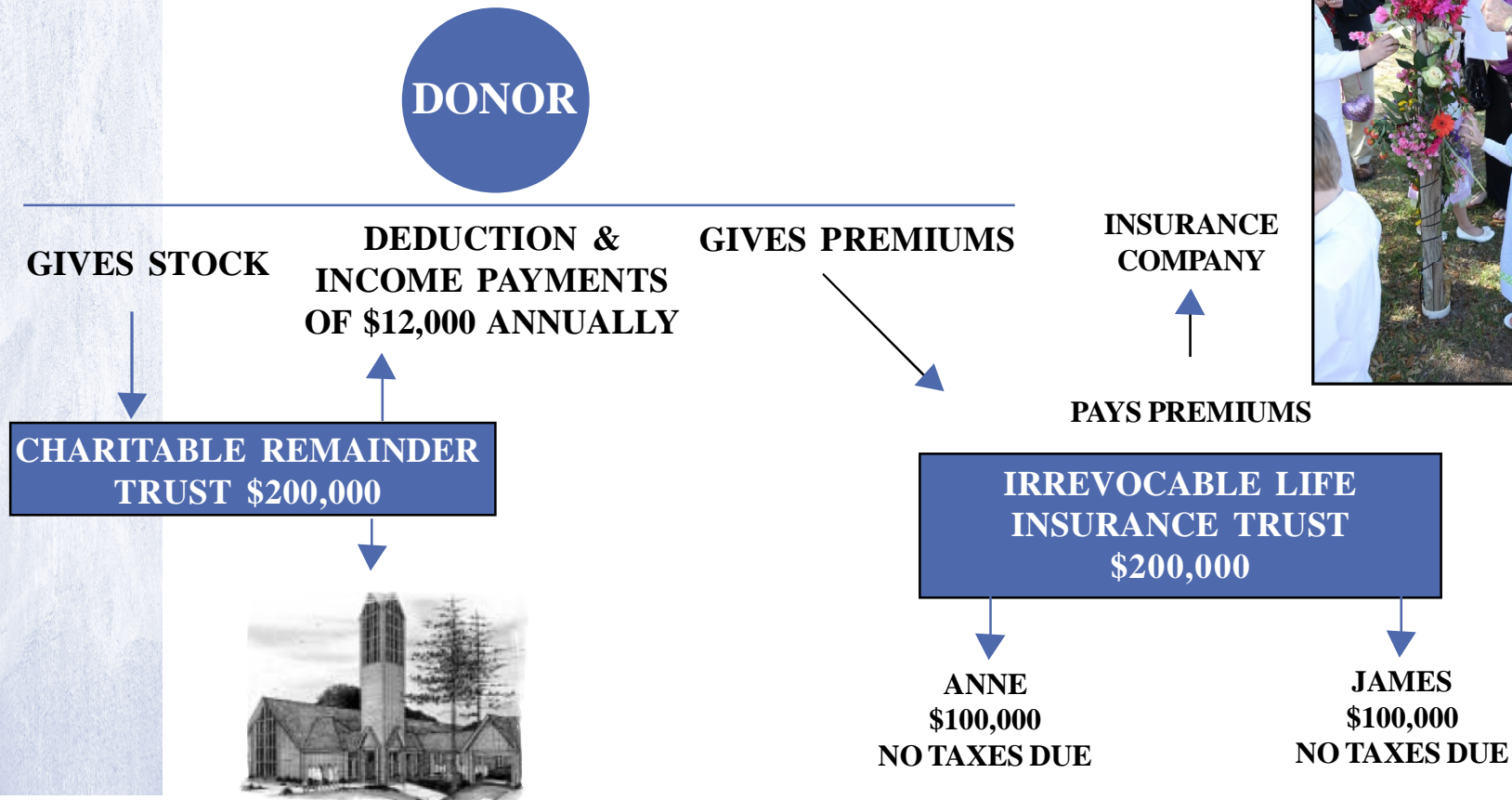
Asset Replacement

After making a gift to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, some individuals choose to use the tax savings produced by the charitable deduction, and/or increased income, to purchase and pay the premiums on a life insurance policy, the proceeds of which might be equivalent to the value of the gifted property. By using this method, you can increase your income, make a substantial charitable gift, reduce estate

taxes, and still leave your loved ones the inheritance you want them to have.

Example: Mr. Samuel wants to give a significant gift to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. He would also like to leave his two children, Anne and James, additional funds which would not be taxed in his estate. He funds a Charitable Remainder Trust with stock which he bought 50 years ago for \$50,000 and is currently valued at \$200,000.

At 6% payout, this trust pays him \$12,000 annually. Mr. Samuel then sets up a \$200,000 life insurance trust payable to Anne and James at his death. He funds this irrevocable trust with part of the income he receives from the CRT.



Life Insurance

Life insurance can play a very creative role in gift planning. By using life insurance, you may be able to make a charitable gift much larger than you ever thought possible.



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as Beneficiary:

For a new or existing policy, you can name Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as a sole or primary beneficiary, partial beneficiary, or as an alternate beneficiary, that is, someone to receive the proceeds of the

policy if the first or second person you name predeceases you. In this case, you retain ownership of the policy and have access to the policy's cash value. You also have the right to change beneficiaries. No

income-tax deduction is allowed. However, the estate will receive a charitable deduction.

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as Owner:

You can make the church owner of a new or existing life insurance policy. By making Forest Lake owner, and continuing to pay the premiums you are allowed to take a charitable deduction for those payments. As an alternative, gifts of the amount of the premiums could be made to Forest Lake with Forest Lake paying the premiums, as long as the church is not under any obligation to pay the premiums with the donations, you may

take a charitable deduction for those gifts. If the policy is paid up, your deduction is equal to the replacement value of the policy, unless that value exceeds the tax or cost basis.

Example: Ms. Addison always wanted to make a significant donation to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, but felt that she was unable to give as much as she wanted to give. Now, Ms. Addison is 40 years of age and has decided to

make this gift using life insurance. By making annual tax-deductible contribution of \$855 for five years, she will have completed the funding of a \$50,000 policy. At the time of Ms. Addison's death, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church will receive the \$50,000. As requested by Ms. Addison, this money will be added to the Endowment Fund for scholarships.

Every strand of biblical faith shows God to be deeply engaged and passionately concerned for economic issues. It does seem that the God of the Bible—contrary to much popular religion—cares a great deal about debts, mortgages, wages, and interest, and is preoccupied with the well-being of the poor.

—Walter Brueggemann

Remainder Interest Gifts

You may consider giving your residence or vacation home to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, but retain the right to use it for life. This allows you a significant tax deduction at the time of the gift, and the continued enjoyment of your home for as long as you (and/or your spouse) live. Your tax deduction is equal to the value of the remainder interest of your home.

Example: Mrs. Iris, age 78, donates her home—the house and the land—to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church and reserves the right to live there for her remaining years. At the time of the gift, the land and house have a value of \$140,000. Her charitable deduction is \$75,938.20 for the remainder interest.



***I am only one; but still I am one.
I cannot do everything, but still I can do
something: I will not refuse to do
something I can do.***

—Helen Keller

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How the Presbyterian Foundation Can Help

Presbyterians demonstrate their faith by sharing their time, talent, and treasure. It is this Christian spirit of giving that guides the Foundation in serving those with a vision who want to create a legacy of faith. People, putting their faith into action through charitable giving and other acts of stewardship, make a tremendous difference in the lives of others. The Presbyterian Foundation supports this generosity by helping connect resources to people and ministries in need of support. We serve the church by encouraging and managing charitable gifts that build bridges bringing people and mission together.

The ways to give and the potential beneficiaries are great and varied. Gifts given through the Foundation are professionally managed and distributed solely and specifically according to the instructions of the donors. **Unrestricted** funds allow the church to use the funds where

the need is greatest, thus allowing for change in circumstances and mission over the years. **Restricted** gifts (funds designated by the donor for a specific purpose) **should be made in consultation with the church staff**. They provide support for everything from music programs to capital improvements, from Christian education programs to mission projects, from older adult ministry to childcare, and more. Legacy gifts ultimately enhance and expand funding for mission and ministry.

The Foundation can help you establish a permanent fund as an enduring tribute to a loved one. These funds are managed by the Foundation and provide income to the church in perpetuity. We offer plans that enable you to provide a future gift for the church, while receiving income throughout your life. These plans have been discussed elsewhere in this booklet.

**If you have questions or would like more information,
please contact the Business Manager of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church (803.787.5672)**

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Gift Planning Table

Overview of Some Planned Giving Instruments

TYPE OF GIFT	FORM OF GIFT	BENEFIT TO DONOR	BENEFIT TO NONPROFIT
OUTRIGHT GIFT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash • securities • real estate • insurance • personal property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deductible for income tax purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funds available for immediate use by organization
BEQUESTS: Anything one owns at the time of death may be passed on to an organization or person through one's last will and testament. Moreover, all forms of life income gifts may be in testamentary form to benefit family or friends and will then become available for use by named organizations.			
LIFE INCOME GIFTS			
A. Pooled Income Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appreciated securities • cash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variable income that may provide hedge against inflation • tax deduction when gift is made • no capital gains tax on appreciated gift 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensures substantial future funding
B. Charitable Remainder Unitrusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash • real estate • securities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same as pooled income fund plus: • can be tailored to donor's situation • permits deferred income • includes real estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensures substantial future funding
C. Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash • securities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fixed income • tax deduction in year that gift is made • no capital gains tax on appreciated gift 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensures substantial future funding
D. Charitable Gift Annuity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash • securities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fixed income for lifetime • tax deduction in early years of gift 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • portion of funds can be available to organization • ensures future funding • upon death of insured, remaining principal payable to organization
CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash • securities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allows property to be passed to others with little or no shrinkage due to taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides organization with current income for the length of the trust
INSURANCE POLICIES			
A. Organization is made owner and beneficiary of policy currently in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • life insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • donor gets income tax deduction for value of policy when transferred • future premium payments may be deducted as gift 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organization may borrow on policy • organization may cash in policy • organization may receive face value of policy at insured's death
B. Paid-up policy is given to organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • life insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tax deduction based on current value of policy when transferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organization may borrow on policy • organization may cash in policy • organization may receive face value of policy at insured's death
C. Organization is named beneficiary of policy but not owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • life insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable donor to make large future gift at small present cost • donor may change beneficiary later • donor may borrow on policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upon death of insured, organization will reduce face value of policy

Note: This table is for information purposes only and is not a substitute for legal or professional advice. **Source:** Giving USA

A New Idea for Making a Planned Gift to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church Without Changing Your Will

“Using Your Retirement Funds to Give a Gift to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church Without Changing Your Will”

(Using 401(k), 403(b), IRA's, Keogh, SEP, Qualified Plans to Make a Gift to the Church)

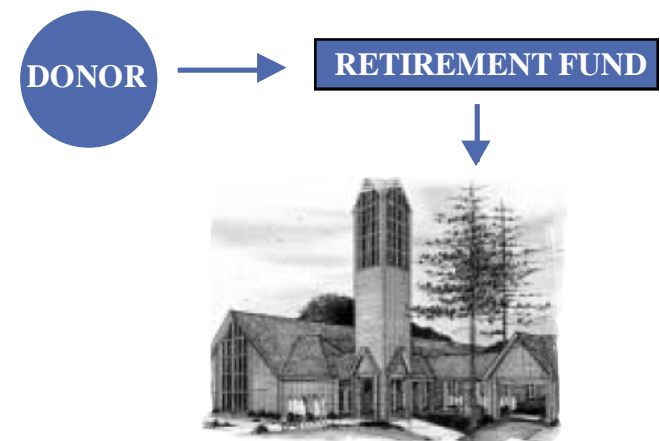
All retirement funds allow you to name one or more primary, secondary and contingent beneficiaries. You can include Forest Lake Presbyterian Church among the named beneficiaries of your retirement plan(s). Retirement funds can be among the best assets to use for a charitable gift. The reason involves the fact that they grow without paying income taxes. If you give them to a family member or other individual upon your death, income taxes and estate taxes may dramatically reduce these funds. Your loved ones may only receive a fraction of the fair market value at the date of your death.

The good news regarding Forest Lake Presbyterian Church is this: Any Bequest Transfer (gift) of retirement funds to the church are made free of any income or estate tax because the transfer to a church receives a charitable deduction. You can also make this bequest

transfer without incurring fees charged by a lawyer for changing your Last Will and Testament. You can designate a specific amount for Forest Lake or a percentage of the death benefit. You can restrict your bequest transfer to a specific need such as debt service or you can make an unrestricted bequest to the Church.

Review this concept with your CPA and be sure to check with your HR department at your place of employment. Request a copy of your beneficiary designation form or a blank beneficiary designation form.

Please remember: These funds are passed by naming a beneficiary. If none is named or all are deceased, the assets become part of your estate and pass according to the Will or laws of intestacy if there is no Will. Retirement funds can be among the most valuable assets you own. They accumulate tax free and thereby grow much faster than taxable assets.



Gifts of Retirement Assets

Many individuals looking for assets to give to charity often consider the assets they hold in a retirement fund such as a 401K or other defined contribution or defined benefit plan. They may also consider using funds in an IRA as a source of a gift. These individuals need to consider how these types of gifts might affect their personal finances and their taxable income. These individuals need to consider whether to make the gifts during their lifetime or after death.

Current Gifts

- If an individual chooses to make a gift of retirement asset during their lifetime, the withdrawal for the charity will be taxed as a distribution to the individual. The individual can then make the gift to charity which may offset the affect of the taxable withdrawal. However, contributions are subject to limitations and the effect of trying to make the gift could result in taxable income to the individual donor. The individual donor could consider spreading the gift over multiple years to avoid the tax. Individuals considering such gifts during their lifetimes should consult their tax advisor and complete a thorough examination of the transaction before making the withdrawal.
- On occasion, Congress has adopted a provision to allow gifts directly from an IRA to a charity with limitations on amounts and age. The gift is required to flow directly from the IRA to a charity. The donor should consult a tax advisor when considering this type gift to review the current tax provisions.

Deferred Gifts or Gifts after Death

- Individual donors will more commonly consider leaving their IRA to a charity. By designating a charity as the beneficiary, the individual can avoid income taxes and estate taxes of the bequest. This will often fit more appropriately in the taxpayers financial plan as they will be able to use the assets during their lifetime. The individual will take taxable withdrawals from the IRA based on the Required Minimum Distribution or need during their lifetime. Then at death the assets will go to the designated charity. The individual could name a primary beneficiary, for example, a spouse and a contingent beneficiary as the charity.
- In order to take advantage of the gifting, there are several important considerations. The individual needs to consider moving assets from the benefit plan into an IRA. The individual needs to check with the IRA Trustee to insure the beneficiary can be named as beneficiary. Spousal consent will likely be required. Make sure your tax advisor and attorney review the transaction and the beneficiary designation.

Example: Mr. and Mrs. Smith want to leave a gift of \$50,000 from Mr. Smith's IRA afer the death of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Smith designates his wife as the primary beneficiary and Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as the contingent beneficiary of \$50,000 from the IRA. Mr. Smith dies and Mrs. Smith inherits the IRA. Mrs. Smith then names Forest Lake as the primary beneficiary of \$50,000 from the IRA. Forest Lake will receive \$50,000 in distributions from the IRA at Mrs. Smith's death. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will include the distributions made to them during their lifetime as taxable income. The gift to the church after both deaths avoids both income and estate tax.

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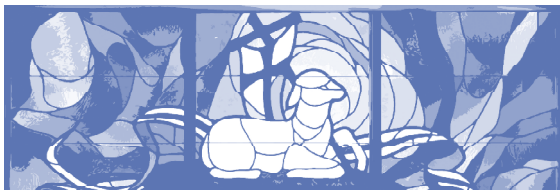
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A Special Word About Your Planned Gift

It is a Sessional decision whether or not to receive a particular gift. (Book of Order: G-3.0201c) The Elders bear the responsibility for discerning if the receiving of particular kinds of gifts are in the best interest of the church. For example, it is clear that a cash gift of \$500,000 to the church would have an immediate impact on mission and ministry. It is less clear if a house or piece of land with an appraised value of \$500,000 would be helpful to the church. Perhaps the house could be used for a special programmatic need of the church, or quickly sold or perhaps not. A gift to the church should be in a form which is most helpful to the ministry of the church. If you are considering a particular gift, always be sure to consult the Management Ministry and the Pastor as well as your own family, lawyer, accountant, etc., prior to finalizing your plans.

Note: The tax consequence illustrations in this Guide are subject to change based on future changes in tax laws and regulations.



Letter of Intent

As an investment in the future mission and ministry of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, I/We commit to a planned gift in the amount of:

\$ _____

to be paid in either cash, securities, or other property of equivalent value.

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this form to:

Church Business Manager
Forest Lake Presbyterian Church
6500 North Trenholm Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29206
Phone: 803.787.5672
Fax: 803.782.8229

FOREST LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLANNED GIFT

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

BEQUEST

I (we) intend to bequeath _____% of my (our) estate; or \$ _____, to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC.

The current estimated value of the gift is \$ _____.

TRUST

I (we) have included Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in a Trust, dated _____.

The current estimated value of the gift is \$ _____.

GIFT ANNUITY

\$ _____ Annuity Amount. Payments to begin on _____ 20____ at _____%.

LIFE INSURANCE, IRA, REAL ESTATE or OTHER PROPERTY

Please describe or list:

The current estimated value of described property is \$ _____.

GIFT DESIGNATION

My gift is to be applied to and/or is made in memory of: _____

Please consult with competent legal or tax counsel for relevant individual estate planning issues.

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The Zacchaeus Society (a nonprofit corporation) exists for the purpose of examining the relationship between money, possessions and the Kingdom of God as understood within the Christian Tradition and to create opportunities for stewardship education, reflection, praxis and change within the Christian Church and in the broader religious community.

The Origin

There is a strange silence in the Christian Churches of North America regarding the connection between money, possessions and faith. Even though the Christian scriptures speak over and over again regarding the holy use of wealth, the Church has difficulty moving beyond annual stewardship and capital campaigns to address the spiritual struggles bound up in

the faithful use of money and possessions. The Gospel story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) is the story of a person of wealth who, through a personal encounter with Jesus, reframed his whole economic life in light of the values of the Kingdom of God. The goal of The Zacchaeus Society is to help the Church as well as individuals seek an alternative stewardship of money and possessions in response to the imperatives of scripture.

Services Provided by The Zacchaeus Society

In addition to receiving contributions in support of our mission, The Zacchaeus Society provides traditional consulting services for Christian Congregations and Institutions including assistance with annual stewardship campaigns, capital campaigns, stewardship education and special projects.

Examples:

- Congregational Retreat
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- Funding of National Stewardship Conference (Montreat 2004)
- Small Group Retreat in Partnership with the Ministry of Money (2007)

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