

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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More Than Enough

This scripture speaks to the spiritual issues raised when we consider remembering Forest Lake Church in our Will. It is the familiar text of II Corinthians 9:6-15:

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

Whenever I read this text it always reminds me of the old Thanksgiving Hymn “Come Ye Thankful People, Come.” It’s a wonderful hymn about getting in the harvest...how God is the Lord of the Harvest and he comes to take the harvest home.

In the agricultural society of South Carolina, stories still abound about how preachers (and other professionals) were often paid for their services in chickens and produce, row crops and livestock. It was what people had to share and how they could contribute when they didn’t have hard currency. My mother grew up in the Pee Dee and she often told me stories of how farmers were hesitant to make a pledge to the church because they didn’t know exactly what the crops would yield at the end of the harvest season.

Farmers know something about abundance that urban folk would do well to learn. The farmer plows the field in the Spring, sows the seed, fertilizes the ground giving himself over completely to belief that God will provide the rain to make the crops grow. It is an irreversible decision. Once he plows the earth and plants the seed, he and God are in this thing together until it’s done. The stewardship lesson in this scripture takes the form of a question: If I do my part, the part I feel called to do..... do I believe that God will do the other part, the part only God can do? If I remember the Church in my Last Will and Testament,.....do I believe God will supply my needs and give me eyes to see that, indeed, our God is a God of Abundance and in the last years of my life, I will have more than enough?

Rev. J. Eric Skidmore
Parish Associate for Stewardship
August 2022

Suggestions for Planned Gifts

Would you consider?

- 1** Designating a portion of your planned gift to be paid toward any existing debt owed by Forest Lake Presbyterian Church
- 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 for enhancing our church property, repairing our physical plant, making improvements, etc.
- 6** Endowing an Annual Lecture Series or Annual Mission Trip
- 7** Endowing an Annual Music Event or Academic Scholarship
- 8** Endowing a Missionary in Residence or Theologian in Residence Program
- 9** Gifting the Church with a house for use as lodging for Missionary/Theologian in Residence
- 10** Remembering Presbyterian institutions in your will (Presbyterian Communities, Presbyterian College, Thornwell, Montreat, etc.) 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 30 Presbyterians from the North Trenholm area. This first official meeting was held at Satchelford 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 provided authorization to sign a building contract and borrow \$75,000. The first Communion Service concluded this meeting.

Forest Lake has had five senior pastors. The Reverend Joseph Sherwood Harvard, Sr., the first Pastor, was installed January 1958, and served through December 1969. 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, from August 2006 to the present.



Fellowship Hall. New stained glass windows were given and installed in 1991. In 2000, a major renovation built a new Narthex, expanded and redesigned the sanctuary, the educational

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 was built to provide a Parlor, a new kitchen and to expand the

buildings, the playground, the office complex, and created a beautiful and distinctive tower. A new pipe organ was dedicated in April of 2018. All renovations were centered on good stewardship of the mission and place entrusted to our congregation.

From its beginning in 1957 with 72 members, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church has served this community and now has a membership of over 595.



Why we have remembered the church in our wills.



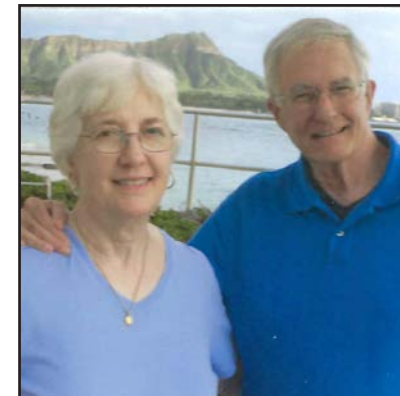
Our blessings are many. We believe Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and that “Everyone to whom much is given, of him much will be required” (Luke 12:48). We also believe that the church and its institutions are a necessity for this proclamation. Therefore, we have bequeathed ten percent of our retirement 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, (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)*

Why we have remembered the church in our wills.



When Florence and Lewis Fowler moved to Columbia to be closer to their children, they became active participants both at Forest Lake and at Eastminster Presbyterian Churches, where their daughters were in leadership. Florence and Lewis both have long standing commitments to tithe their estates. And when Florence died in February 2021 of pancreatic cancer, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church was a part of her estate plan to continue to support the causes of Christ in the world. Throughout her life, Florence served not only as a pastor's wife, but as an Elder, an organist, a choral director, a Bible teacher, a Sunday School teacher, and much more. Her gift to the FLPC Endowment Fund is a logical extension of her life here on earth.

— *Ellen Fowler Skidmore*



Fourteen years ago I moved from Florida to Lexington. I had not been a member or regular attendee of a church since growing up in a Presbyterian Church. One of my “to do’s” when I moved here was to find and become a part of a church family. For over a year, I attended a nearby church and several others near me. None of them felt like for what I was searching.

Through a “chance meeting” (or God’s hand), I met a member of Forest Lake and was invited to come see and hear what Forest Lake Presbyterian Church was all about. It only took two visits. The message was loud and clear: this was the friendly, service oriented congregation for which had been hoping. And one I wanted to be part of, as soon as possible.

Having no children or immediate family, the choice to include Forest Lake in my Will was obvious and easily accomplished. And the rest, as they say, is “history”!

— *Jackie Cominotti*



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!



Generous Saints



Hazel Harwood
1923-2018
Joined FLPC 1956
Charter Member



Jimmy Pike
1924-2017
Joined FLPC 1977

A Mighty Fortress is our God “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” *Martin Luther*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
- 4 That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!



Betty Stanley
1928-2016
Joined FLPC 1967



Walt & June Canfield
Walt: 1927-2020
June: 1924-2021
Joined FLPC 2009

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 legacies), 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.

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Lifetime 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 60% 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 AGI x 60%); 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 \$51,000 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 x 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.



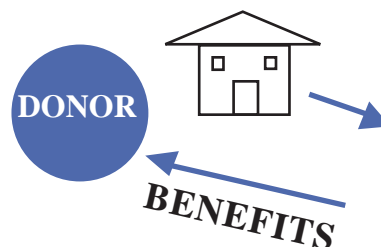
Gifts of Real Estate

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 prop-

erty 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.



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 • real estate • securities • 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	<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
A. Pooled Income Funds			
B. Charitable Remainder Unitrusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash • securities • real estate 	<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
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	<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
A. Organization is made owner and beneficiary of policy currently in force			
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 upon death of insured, organization will reduce present cost	<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 receive face value of policy

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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. Please consult your attorney on this process.

Charitable Remainder Trust

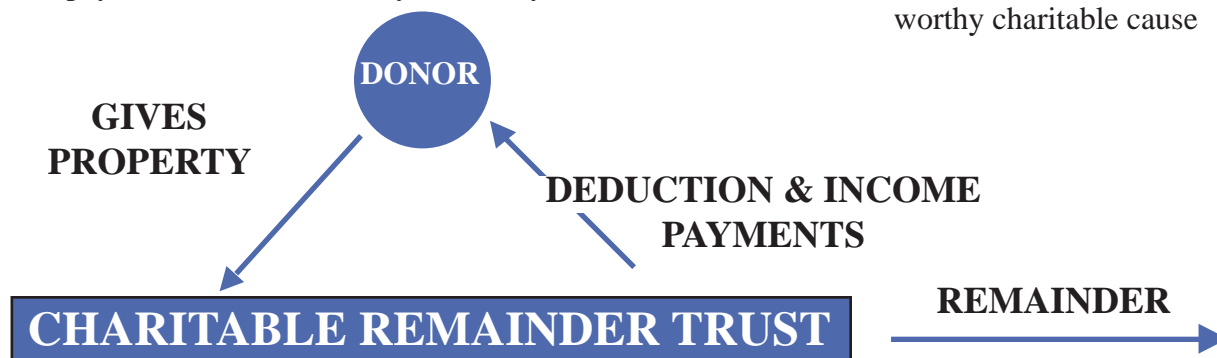
A trust, of which there are many types, is simply a legal document appointing someone to manage assets (the Settlor) for the benefit of someone (the beneficiary). The beneficiary can be the creator of the trust (the trustor) or others that the trustor might name. The benefits are two-fold— payment of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

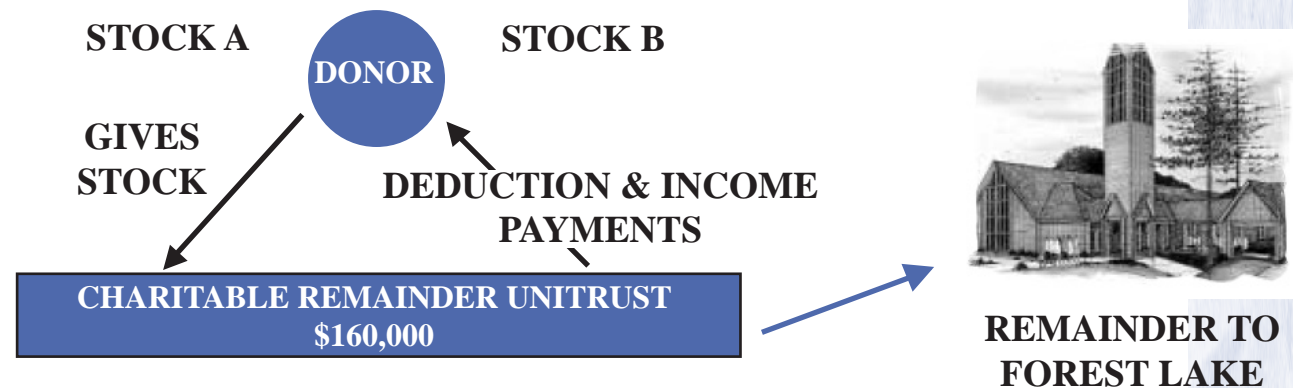
A unitrust pays a variable income. An agreed upon percentage, (at least 5%) of the fair market value of the trust's assets, as valued at the end of year, is paid annually. You may elect a "standard unitrust" where excess earnings are always reinvested in the trust, and in which principal is invaded to 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 to 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 the 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.

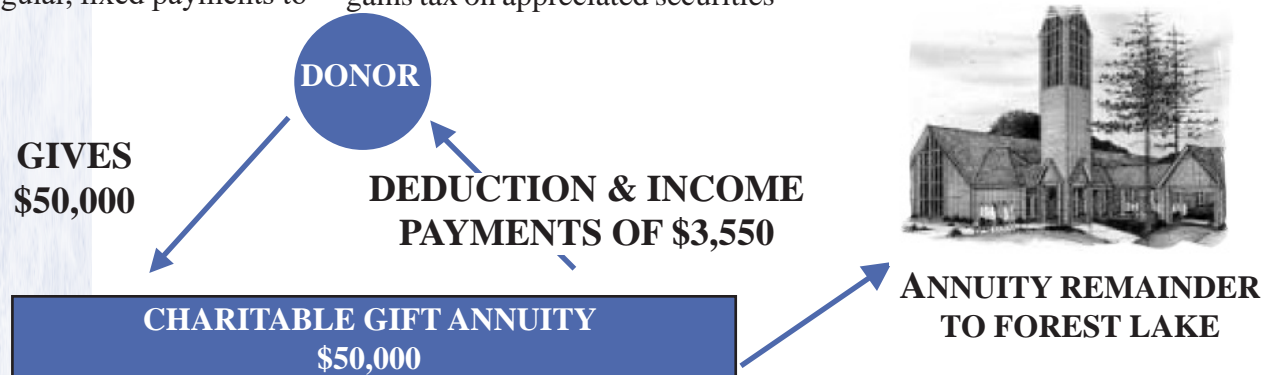
You receive a charitable income tax deduction for a portion of the value of your gift. Any capital gains tax on appreciated securities

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 the income beneficiaries.

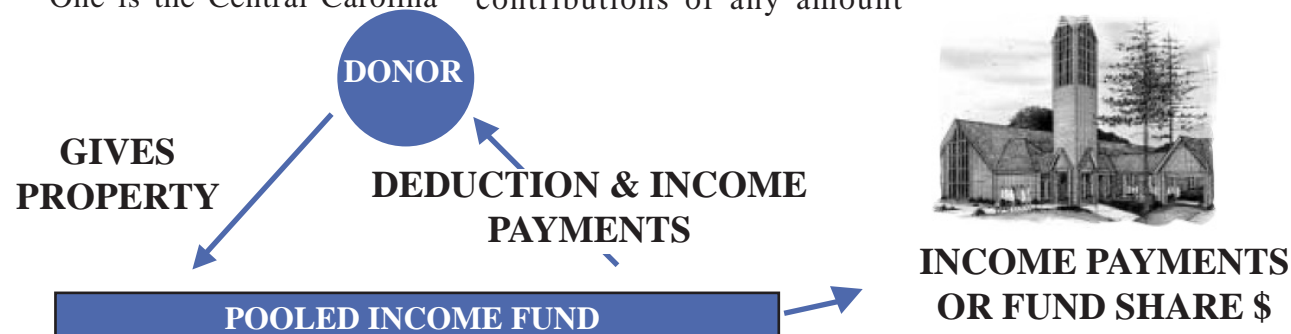
Additionally, when the gift is made with appreciated securities, you will not pay any capital gains tax.

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

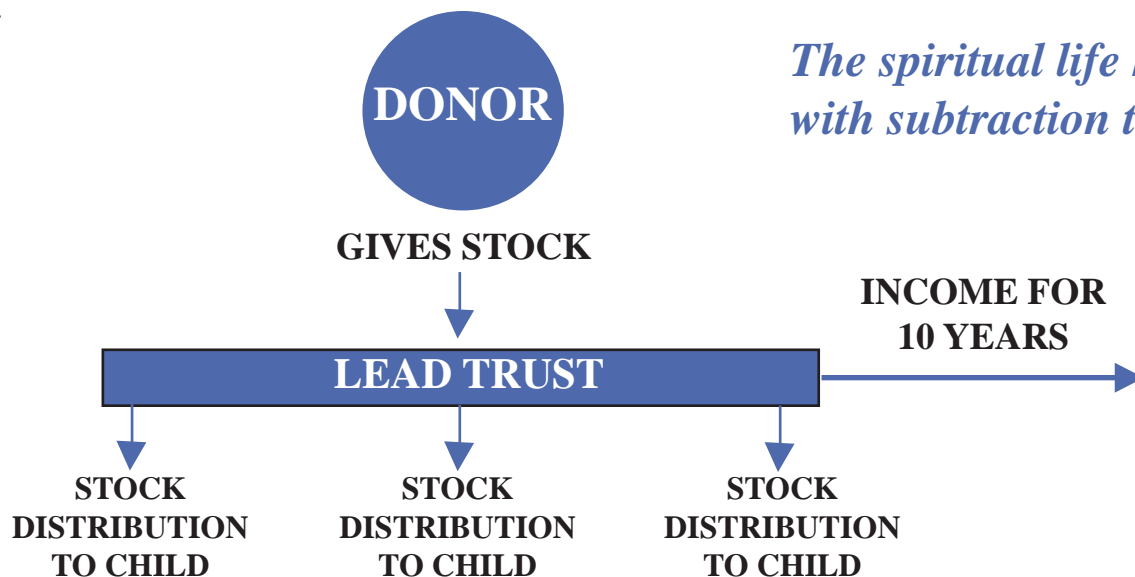
may be added at any time. Upon the death of the donor or other income beneficiary, a designated fund is established for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in your name.



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 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 remaining assets of the Trust will be distributed to his three children.



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

—Mister Eckhart



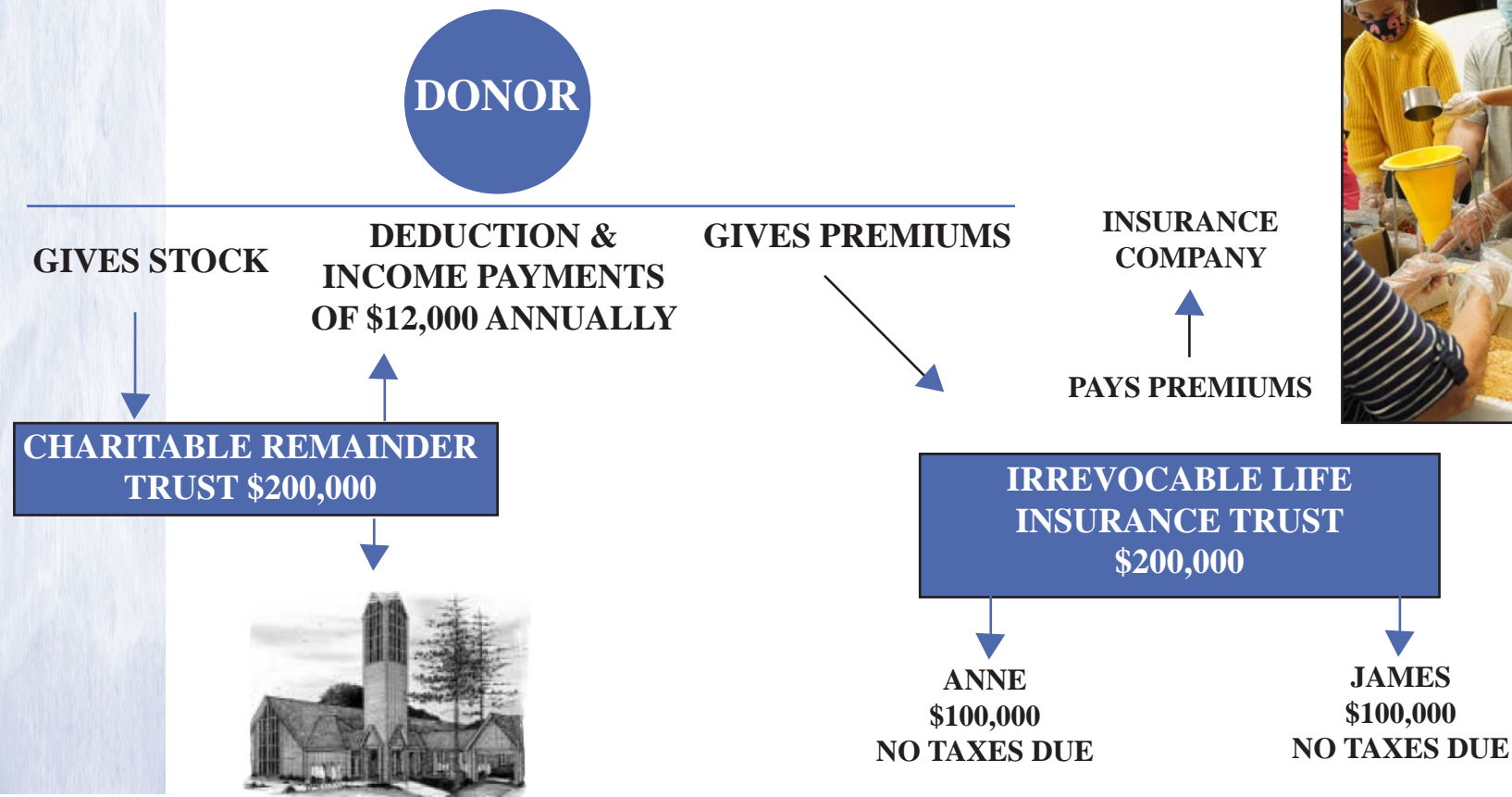
Asset Replacement

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.

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

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church as Owner:

You can designate the church as 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.

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

**DONOR
FOR LIFE**



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 and the Presbyterian Foundation.** They provide support for everything from music programs to mission projects to older adult ministry. 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 to Reduce Your Income Taxes and AGI By QCDs.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) were made a permanent part of the income tax law in 2015. As you may know, IRAs and other retirement plans have required minimum distributions (RMDs). RMDs are designed so that your retirement account is used up during your lifetime. Beginning at age 72 you are required to take an annual distribution based upon your life expectancy. Your retirement plan custodian must tell you the amount of the annual RMD.

By making a Qualified Charitable Distribution you can effectively reduce your income taxes by lowering your adjusted gross income and satisfy the annual required minimum distribution (RMD) from your retirement account.

These QCD distributions are capped at \$100,000 annually per person. However, if you and your spouse have separate retirement accounts, you can each make a \$100,000 QCD to charity. The distribution goes directly to an approved charity, and you must obtain a charitable receipt just like a regular charitable contribution. The QCD is not included in your taxable income and is not considered as an itemized deduction. If you donate a portion of your RMD, you must take the remaining distribution amount yourself. This remaining amount would be included in taxable income.

One planning idea is to use the full amount of your annual RMD as a QCD and still take the standard deduction. This will reduce your adjusted gross income and lower the amount of your taxable social security income and may increase your medical deduction due to lower adjusted gross income. This is an important consideration if you live in a retirement community because approximately one-third of your cost of retirement home expense is considered medical expense.

How are QCDs made?

QCDs are made directly to the eligible charity from a traditional IRA, inherited IRA, inactive Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan and inactive Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) IRAs. Inactive SEP and SIMPLE IRAs are accounts that no longer receive employer contributions.

The money is a direct transfer that never passes through the hands of the IRA owner. Instead, the IRA custodian can either send a check directly to the charity or to the account owner, who then hands it over to the charity.

For a QCD to count toward your minimum annual IRA distribution, it must be made by the same deadline as a normal distribution, which is usually December 31 of the tax year in question.

QCDs cannot be made to donor-advised fund sponsors, private foundations and supporting organizations, though these are categorized as charities.

Who should consider a QCD?

If you are required to take a RMD from an IRA but do not need those funds for living expenses, a QCD could lower your income tax liability.

If you would like to reduce the balance of your IRA account to lower future RMDs and thereby tax liabilities, a QCD provides that opportunity.

The value of charitable gifts that can be deducted from a tax return usually ranges from 20 to 60 percent of the donor's adjusted gross income. This AGI-based limit does not apply to QCDs allowing donors to make larger tax-advantaged gifts

Finally, all contributions and earnings that accumulate inside a traditional IRA are eligible for QCDs. Consult your tax advisor and other professional advisors as you consider these decisions.

(Special Thanks to James M. Skidmore, CPA and Robert Dunn, J.D. for their assistance)

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A Special Word About Your Planned Gift

It is a Sessional decision whether or not to receive a particular gift. 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 Session and/or 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
Email: contactus@flpc.org

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
Topic: Money, Possessions & Faith
- Funding of National Stewardship Conference, Montreat NC
- Small Group Retreat in Partnership with the Ministry of Money
- Sharing this guide with other churches

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