

Planned Giving

An opportunity to have a lasting presence in the mission of St. Francis Episcopal Church



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Inclusive- Because Diversity was God's Idea

St. Francis is an Episcopal church with a rich history of serving Stamford and the surrounding region. Service to others – locally, nationally, and internationally – is central to the community at St. Francis. Our financial outreach as well as in-kind giving helps support dozens of charitable organizations as they serve their constituencies.

We are a caring parish.

We believe that wonder is the beginning of wisdom and trust that all are welcome before God. Our life together is, in part, a growing into greater awareness of God's presence in life and our calling individually and collectively for the life of the world.



Suggested Methods of Planned Giving

BEQUESTS

A provision in a will or living trust for a gift to St. Francis upon death. This is a simple, yet effective form of planned giving and one that's very common.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A contractual agreement in which an individual transfers cash or property to an organization in exchange for the organization's promise to make fixed annuity payments to one or two life annuitants. At the end of the annuity period the remaining value of the gift is given to the church.

GIFTING AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Designating the church as an eventual beneficiary can have a useful tax advantage.

LIFE INSURANCE

One can name the church as the owner and beneficiary of a new or existing policy and the donor receives an income tax deduction.



REAL ESTATE

Make a gift of real estate outright or even donate it and retain the right to live in it during your lifetime. Each gift qualifies for an income tax deduction.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

One can transfer real property or assets to a trust fund that pays the donor or another individual a fixed or variable income for a specified time period after which the principal is used to establish a permanent fund in the donor's name with the distribution at our discretion. The church might be the sole beneficiary or a partial with other charities.

Please remember St. Francis Church

*A gift now...
a lasting legacy.*

We realize there are many requests for you to provide financial support to any number of worthwhile programs in our community.

However, St. Francis, our beloved parish, fills a special place in our hearts and has done so for 70 years. We all want to make sure that families coming along will be able to partake of that same nourishing spiritual life that we have grown to love. Past gifts have been critical to allowing the ministry at St. Francis to continue and to thrive. Donors can be recognized for their gifts or remain anonymous.



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Questions?

Please contact the Rector at
203-322-2949

We recommend that you speak to your financial advisor with regard to this topic since our tax status under the Internal Revenue Code provides a tax savings to you and your estate.

*Your gift
means so
much and will
help St. Francis
continue its
presence in our
community for
decades to come.*