

The Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel

Frequently Asked Questions Planned Giving and Endowment

Will they know you're a Christian by your Will?

How can your estate ensure the continued work of the Church?

How can you leave a legacy of Christian stewardship?

The Planned Giving and Endowment Committee can answer these questions. Planned Giving and Endowment works with the Vestry and Parish to raise, invest and allocate money for future ministries while supporting current ministries. Money is allocated to long-term projects (e.g., updating the kitchen) as well as short-term expenditures beyond our daily expenses (e.g., seed money for a new community outreach).

How does planned giving differ from a regular pledge?

Planned Giving allows people to leave a legacy of their faith. This often involves gifts to the parish after one's death, through a bequest in a will, naming the parish as beneficiary of life insurance, or gifts of property. Planned giving also involves one-time gifts for a special purpose. Planned giving may allow individuals receive a tax advantage while supporting the ministry of St. Michael's.

How Do I Give?

Planned Giving normally entails more planning and consideration than general donations. Such a gift can be in any form, for any purpose, and given either currently or on a deferred basis. Basic ways of Planned Giving include gifts of property (e.g., stocks, bonds, real estate); bequests in wills; naming St. Michael's as a beneficiary of life insurance; and various charitable trusts which allow the individual to receive money or retain use of property through one's lifetime, with the remainder going to the church.

Who do I contact?

Please contact the Rector if you're interested in making a gift to St. Michael's through the Planned Giving and Endowment program or would like more information. For advice and assistance about specific gifts, please consult your attorney, accountant or other professional tax adviser to maximize the benefits of your generosity.

One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare God's power.

Psalm 145:4