

Create YOUR LEGACY

Westminster invites you to consider a Legacy Gift as a personal expression of faith in the goodness of God's grace, and as an ultimate statement of the values you cherish.

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."
MATTHEW 6:21

WAYS TO MAKE A LEGACY GIFT

A gift of any size is significant. The best gift is one that is appropriate for your particular circumstances. A Legacy Gift can be structured to benefit the donor or Westminster during the donor's lifetime, or to benefit Westminster at the death of the donor (some examples are listed below):

- **Bequest in your will:** The most common type of gift.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity:** A gift of \$10,000 or more is invested and the donor receives a guaranteed payment for life.
- **Insurance:** An existing or a new policy may be donated.
- **401K Retirement Benefit Plans and IRAs:** Benefit plans and IRAs donated to Westminster may provide important tax savings to the donor.
- **Stocks, bonds, real estate, and property:** Property that has appreciated allows a tax deduction for the current market value without incurring tax on the capital gain.

LEGACY CIRCLE

The Legacy Circle is comprised of Westminster members and friends who have made arrangements for a Legacy Gift. Westminster recognizes these members annually to express gratitude for their foresight and generosity. To be included,

please inform Mary Hess or a member of the Legacy Committee if you have made plans for a Legacy Gift. Thank you!



LEGACY CIRCLE

LEGACY COMMITTEE

The Legacy Committee helps Westminster members learn more about Legacy Gifts and their role in sustaining Westminster's mission. Feel free to contact Mary Hess or any member of the committee for more information, or visit www.ewestminster.org/legacyprogram.

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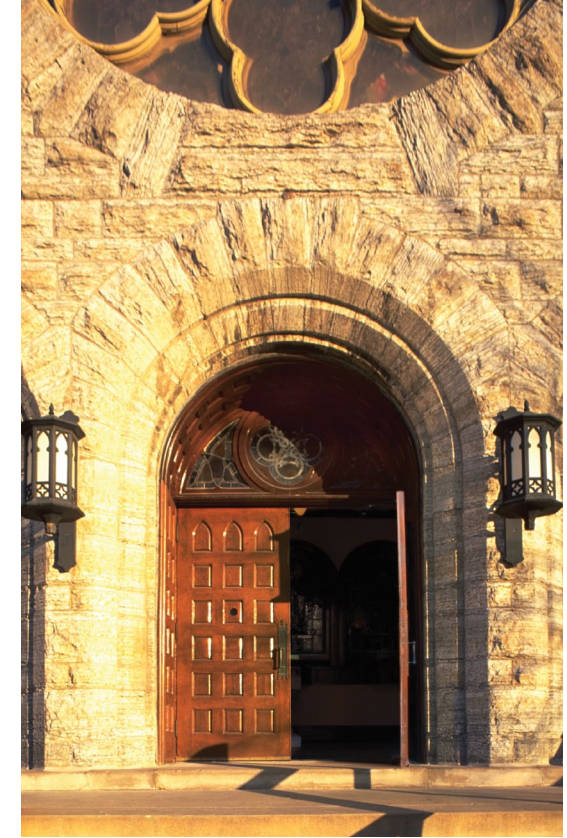
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A Legacy of Gratitude

THE WESTMINSTER LEGACY PROGRAM



"No one but God alone knows how much I love and honor that church... I want to have some little part of the work of [Westminster] after I have gone."

Charles Thompson, Last Will & Testament, 1914

Respond TO GOD'S GRACE WITH GRATITUDE

A Legacy Gift to Westminster symbolizes a deeply felt response to God's grace. It is often the ultimate gift made over a lifetime of generosity, and represents careful planning and prayerful consideration. A Legacy Gift can provide income, financial security, and significant tax savings to a donor and family or heirs.



Sustain THE MISSION

All Legacy Gifts are important contributions to future generations because the church faithfully invests them in the endowment to grow in perpetuity. Specifically, a Legacy Gift helps Westminster:

- ◆ Fulfill its mission to nourish personal faith and to be *a telling presence in the city and beyond.*
- ◆ Put aside the necessary resources for capital improvements to maintain Westminster's historic building.

No matter the size, a Legacy Gift is a personal statement of gratitude in the form of financial support for Westminster that will last forever.

A TRADITION OF CAREFUL STEWARDSHIP

One of Westminster's goals is to ensure a strong financial foundation. Annual support for the ministry of the church comes first from generous member pledges. In addition, income from the endowment provides indispensable help to keep Westminster thriving. As the church's "savings account," its earnings support a modest portion of the annual operating budget, and 100% of the capital budget for building maintenance. The endowment helps ensure the continuation of key programs and protects the church from adverse circumstances.

A gift of \$5,000 from Charles Thompson established the church's endowment in 1914. Since then, Westminster members have generously added to it through bequests in their wills, annuities, trusts, life insurance, and in many other ways.

"...AND SOME OF THE SEED FELL INTO GOOD SOIL,
WHERE IT CAME UP AND GREW, AND BORE FRUIT..."
MARK 4:8



THE ENDOWMENT

A Legacy Gift to Westminster remains invested in the endowment. The endowment has several categories, each with a specific purpose that supports Westminster's mission.

Capital Fund: Supports the maintenance of the property and ongoing building improvement.

Operating Fund: Supports the annual operating budget, including personnel, facilities, and day-to-day expenses.

Endowed Program Funds*: Support various specific ministries of the church.



Legacy Gifts to Westminster are invested in the endowment's Capital Fund, unless specifically restricted by the donor or designated by the Board of Trustees.

* Some programs also receive support from the annual operating budget.