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## Planning Your Legacy Ensuring What We Cherish Will Grow

The enclosed brochure describes the Grace Church Planned Giving Program. The purpose of the program is to provide our Grace Church family with various opportunities to make a gift from one's estate to the church as a lasting charitable contribution. Planned giving is a vital ministry that can ensure resources will be available in the future to do the important work of our church as well as to offer members the opportunity to make a statement about their Christian faith. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of their personal resources can make a considered choice about their ultimate distribution through a bequest in a will, gifts of assets such as stocks and real estate, or life income gifts such as gift annuities which provide the donor with guaranteed payments for life as well as significant tax advantages. Such bequests breathe new life into the church, make new ministries possible, spark creative outreach projects and ease the burden of long term capital expenses.

The donor may specify the ultimate use of the gift. A gift to the Grace Endowment Fund, for example, is a legacy that will continue to grow and be significant to the Christian life of our children and our community. The contribution is invested with the Diocese of Southern Virginia or the Episcopal Church Foundation. The returns from the investment are used to support programs over and above what our annual budget funds. However, the investment itself remains untouched and thus provides a funding stream far into the future.

The Planned Giving Program is managed by the Finance, Audit, and Endowment Committee which reports to the Vestry. The committee has many resources to help potential donors with their estate planning. In addition, Grace Church has established a "Legacy Circle" to recognize those who have made gifts, or plan to make gifts from their estate and to solicit their ideas for new and/or expanded ministries. If you would like to discuss planned giving opportunities at Grace or if you have made plans for a gift from your estate, please fill out the form on the back of this letter and return it to the church office. We will contact you about the many choices for estate planning and our new Legacy Circle.

Thank you for your consideration of this new opportunity to support the future of Grace Church.

The Rev. Carleton B. Bakkum

Grace Church Planned Giving Program

I would like more information on the planned giving program at Grace Church as part of my estate planning. My contact information is provided below.

Grace Church Legacy Circle

In thanksgiving for the mission and ministry of Grace Church. I/we have made or will make a planned gift from our estate for the future ministry of Grace Church. I/we accept the invitation to join the Grace Legacy Circle.

I/we consent for my/our name(s) to appear with others on the public roster of the Grace Legacy Circle.

On the roster of the Legacy Circle, I/we wish my/our name(s) to appear as:

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I/we wish to remain anonymous. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Contact Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Grace Church Office/Planned Giving, PO Box 123, Yorktown, VA 23690