

Trinity Presbyterian Church "Cast Your Nets" Presentation Legacy Committee - September 30, 2012

Introduction

I appreciate the opportunity this morning to tell you about the Legacy Committee. In the next few minutes we will share with you our role and responsibilities, how we serve as the voice of legacy donors, and how you can influence your own legacy.

But before we begin with the information, I would like first to read a passage from Corinthians 9:11-12 that has guided our work:

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God...; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

The Legacy Committee was created in 2010 to serve as an advisory committee. Today's committee members are Ruth White, Milton Usry, Clayton Connors and Jean Norman. All have been extremely active, bringing different perspectives and viewpoints in our committee meetings.

It is the responsibility of our committee to:

1. Promote financial gifts and bequests to Trinity –and to encourage stewardship at all ages and stages of life, including end of life.
2. Serve as the voice of the donor as we receive and review applications for use of legacy funds.
3. Review applications and requests and make recommendations to the Session for approval, denial, or modification of the request.

Anyone in the church may initiate an application for legacy funds, however, we encourage all requests to be supported by one of the committees of the church. Some of the questions that the committee considers when reviewing the applications include:

1. Does the request meet the designated wishes of the donor?
2. Does the project match one of the church's corporate purposes of ministry, worship, evangelism, fellowship or discipleship?
3. Is it an initiative outside of the church's annual operating budget?
4. Who will the project or program serve?
5. How will the project be evaluated?

This application process is not designed to be difficult; however, we are discussing the need to host a workshop on how to complete the application.

Martha Lee Blodgett

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The Voice of the Donor

What a privilege it has been to serve as Trustee of my friend and Trinity's friend, Iris Suber's estate! What a privilege it is to serve as Iris' voice to work with Trinity and the Presbyterian Foundation to make real Iris' dream of Trinity receiving quarterly interest payments on this endowed fund of \$4,000,000 ---WOW! **Yes, at the direction of the donor, this gift is held and invested by the Presbyterian Foundation for the benefit of Trinity and the quarterly payments will continue year after year.**

- Remember Hugh has challenged Trinity to "dream big"! That is because earnings from this \$4,000,000 endowment are restricted by the donor's wishes and are to be used for programs and initiatives over and above our regular operating budget.
- This is an endowed fund and Interest only is available for Trinity's use. The account at the Foundation is not available to Trinity for any withdrawal of funds, only available to the Foundation to manage and distribute income from the corpus, and in Iris' own words, "for the benefit of Trinity."
- Just like at home, as financial markets and interest rates rise and fall, so do annual earnings on these investments. Current estimate of earnings is \$200,000 per year.
- **Remember Hugh challenges us to DREAM BIG!** Think what Trinity can do locally, in our larger community and in the world with \$200K a year in ministry to bless people and glorify God!

Legacy Funds expenditures approved to date:

The recent Cast Your Nets church-wide Sunday Noon Meal on September 9th

Legacy Concert Series at Trinity, the opening concert in November with the Perdido Brass performing

"Stories Move Mountains" a leadership training program for black ministers and laymen in South Africa conducted at our sister church, J. L. Zwane, in South Africa.

In addition, we know of several requests forthcoming that address community needs, that extend our joint ministry with our Presbytery, some additional benevolences and new resources, and some possible updates to Trinity's facilities – all in all, very diverse requests that reflect "out of the box" thinking among diverse age groups and passions at Trinity.

Let each of us follow Iris Suber's Example and be good stewards of all God has blessed us with individually and corporately giving quietly to the Glory of God.

Dream big for excellence in ministry at Trinity! May we at Trinity in service to our Lord realize Iris' dream!!

Ruth White

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WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

When was the last time you thought about what your Legacy will be, or could be? Have you been too busy to think about it, been putting it off, or are not at that stage of your life that you have even considered it? Well, you should start thinking about WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE!

No matter what stage or age you are, you can start making your own Legacy today. Everyone may not have the financial resources, but we all have talents, abilities and time. **What will your legacy be**, sharing your talents, helping others, volunteering?

However, if you do have the financial resources or when the time is right in the future, make sure you do take care of your financial legacy. Remember Trinity in your will or while creating or revising your estate plan. Consider giving an unrestricted gift to Trinity. The Legacy Committee has a booth set up in the hallway that has an assortment of material for you to take that explain the many different ways you can consider Trinity as a part of your Legacy. Trinity is benefitting today and will for years to come from the generous legacy giving of members of our congregation. These legacy gifts will keep on giving... in our church and in our community of faith. **Legacies Live on! SO, WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?**

*Clayton Connors
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