Legacy gifts can be directed to support programs in your parish, in the Diocese or in the national church. Or you can direct your gift where you see a specific need at any of these three levels.

A legacy gift could serve any number of purposes. You could choose to direct your gift to support programs such as:

- \* Your local Parish
- \* The Diocese of Moosonee
  (Un-designated Legacy Fund)
- \* The Bishop's Discretionary Fund
- \* The Moosonee Foundation
- \* The Ministries of General Synod
- \* PWRDF

We ask you to prayerfully consider opportunities to strengthen Parish Life, Diocesan Ministries and the Anglican community.



# Christian Stewardship & Spiritual Growth

God has abundantly blessed every one of us. Our calling as God's people is to use God's gifts for the building up of people and for the benefit of God's world.

Legacy gifts are an important way to share our gifts, helping to ensure the future of our church and its mission.

Whether you choose to make a gift now or later, we encourage you to learn more about legacy giving. By returning to God what is God's and contributing to God's work in the world, we grow spiritually while helping others.

# Continue Your Caring: Leave a Christian Legacy to Your Faith Family



## God's Gifts for God's People

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## What is Legacy Giving?

A legacy gift is a gift deferred - a way of expressing your wishes now about how your resources are to be used later. A legacy gift is a commitment made to protect those you love - and an opportunity to benefit the Church for generations to come.

Legacy giving is not separate from Christian Stewardship, but rather an important part of it. Legacy giving offers ways - over and above our regular support to the Church's on-going work - to share God's gifts with others, and to grow spiritually as we live out our vocations and ministries within the mission of the Church.

## Ways to Give

There are many types of legacy gifts. A gift plan that works for one individual or family may not work for another, because the make-up of estates or accumulated assets is as different as the households themselves.

Some types of legacy gifts will benefit the Church now, giving an immediate tax credit. Others will benefit the Church later, with a tax credit accruing to the donor's estate.

#### Bequest in your Will

A gift made in your Will - the most common form of deferred gift - provides tax relief to your estate, while ensuring that your commitment to the life of the Church lasts beyond your lifetime. Care should be taken to ensure that the form and purpose of your gift is clear. The Diocesan Chief Financial Officer can advise on the appropriate wording of a bequest. A lawyer's services are recommended for the making of a Will.

#### Life Insurance

Life Insurance often allows you to make a larger gift than you might otherwise be able to make. You can assign a paid-up policy for which you have no further need, or obtain a new policy, naming the Church as beneficiary.

By assigning ownership to the Church, you receive a tax credit for the cash surrender value and all future premiums. Naming the Church as your beneficiary will give tax benefits to your estate.

#### Gifts of Securities

There is no tax payable on capital gains for gifts of listed securities. Instead, donors receive a donation

receipt for the full market value of the gift. To qualify for special tax treatment, the securities must be contributed in-kind to a public charity such as the Diocese of Moosonee.

One of the advantages of donating shares, mutual funds, etc. to a registered charity is that there is no direct outlay of cash. Quite often, listed securities may have been tied up for years in a brokerage's account or as a stock certificate kept in a secure place. The value of a donation can be significant, and through this method a donor can make a positive impact to a charity without utilizing their liquid cash resources.

> "Honour the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all you produce, then will your barns be filled willed with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow" (Proverbs 3: 9-10)

