

Benefits to Congregations from Legacy Giving

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Legacy gifts provide vital support to congregations, ensuring their sustainability and growth for years to come. Here are the key benefits legacy giving offers to congregations:

1. Strengthening Ministries

Legacy gifts sustain essential ministries, allowing congregations to nurture faith, healing, and community on local, national, and global levels.

2. Creating Financial Stability

By contributing to or establishing endowment funds, legacy gifts provide a dependable income stream, ensuring the ongoing support of congregational programs and operations indefinitely. We recommend that when a congregation receives a bequest, at least a portion of it is endowed.

3. Expanding Transformational Programs

Legacy gifts enable congregations to develop innovative programs that address evolving community needs, fostering spiritual growth and engagement.

4. Enhancing Facilities and Infrastructure

These gifts can be used to maintain, repair, or upgrade church buildings, ensuring facilities remain safe, accessible, and welcoming for all members.

5. Providing Stability During Transitions

Legacy funds act as a financial safety net, helping congregations navigate leadership changes, economic uncertainties, or unexpected challenges.

6. Fostering Long-Term Growth

Even modest contributions can grow over time, creating resources that transform and sustain congregational life and activities.

7. Encouraging a Culture of Giving

Legacy giving inspires others to make similar commitments, fostering a tradition of generosity and long-term support within the congregation.

8. Building Stronger Community Bonds

By collectively supporting their congregation through legacy gifts, members strengthen connections, fostering unity and a shared vision for the future.

9. Securing the Future for Generations

Legacy giving ensures that congregations remain vibrant, impactful, and relevant, continuing to provide a spiritual and faith home for future generations.

