



# Planned Giving The United Church of Canada

## Thank You for Considering a Planned Gift to Our United Church

Your outright gift and/or a future legacy gift will help keep the ministry of The United Church of Canada vital and fresh for generations to come. Very simply, a planned gift is any gift you make with forethought about the benefits to the church and the financial implications to you. Planned gifts would usually be donated from your accumulated resources or assets but such gifts may also come out of current income.

## Supporting the Ministry You Value

You may choose to give to any ministry or mission of our church—your local congregation, to the wider United Church through the Mission and Service Fund or through The United Church of Canada Foundation, to global partnerships, for education programs, to a United Church camp, for the development of new churches, and so on. You may also choose to have your gift lodged in a personal endowment fund as a permanent legacy.

## Creating Your Gift—The Choice Is Yours

There are many ways to make a planned gift to our church.

Gifts that help the church immediately include

- cash
- interest-free loans
- publicly traded securities

Gifts that will help the church in the future include

- bequests
- annuities
- life insurance
- charitable remainder trusts
- gifts of residual interest
- proceeds from registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) or registered retirement income funds (RRIFs)

You choose the way that is most beneficial for you, your family, and your church.

## Income Tax Incentives for Savings to You

The federal government encourages gifts to the church by offering meaningful tax relief for charitable givers.

## We Are Here to Help

Through gifts to the Mission and Service Fund, the United Church provides trained staff who will help you make your planned gift a reality. Your Regional Gift Planner welcomes the opportunity to meet with you and your family to discuss your beliefs and your values, and how gift planning can serve both your current needs and your estate planning wishes. Your Gift Planner can also work with your lawyer and other professional advisers to determine the most suitable gift for your personal circumstances. Finally, your Gift Planner will help you with the wording of your gift so that it supports the ministry you wish to support.

## **What Our Donors Say...**

“I believe in the future of The United Church of Canada. I am blessed with a wonderful church family, so I planned a gift annuity to provide future generations and show my gratitude in a tangible way.”

—Norma MacLean, Truro, Nova Scotia

“Because they are one of the ways we recognize God’s ownership of all things;  
because they honour God’s profound generosity;  
because they enable ministry and mission in our world;  
I believe planned gifts are expressions and celebrations of our faith.  
I believe they come first from the heart and then from financial assets.”

—Kathryn Hofley, Winnipeg, Manitoba

“This vehicle and the help it will provide will endure long after we are gone.”

—Jim and Anne White, Medicine Hat, Alberta

“I feel strongly that we must share our good fortune—in life and in perpetuity.”

—Lorri Apps, Winnipeg, Manitoba

“The church is an important part of our lives. We have felt God’s blessing and gain comfort from knowing that we can continue to support the future of our wonderful church.”

—Eileen and Wilfrid Thompson, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

“It is a way we can make a statement about the things that are first in our lives.”

—Carolyn and Blaine Woodall, Viking, Alberta

For more information, please contact your Regional Gift Planner whose card appears in this folder or call The United Church of Canada at  
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See the United Church website at: [www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/donate/howto/planned](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/donate/howto/planned)  
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