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3. INCREASE YOUR INCOME

You can take advantage of plans that allow you to sell and reinvest assets to earn more income and secure tax savings with no immediate payment of capital gains taxes. In addition, taxes on the assets left to loved ones can be eliminated or reduced.

4. SUPPORT ST. MARK'S WITHOUT TAKING ASSETS FROM LOVED ONES

Some plans can actually increase your heirs' post-tax inheritance by including a gift to St. Mark's.

5. PROVIDE LOVED ONES WITH A MORE USEABLE INHERITANCE

Consider a plan that will pay your heirs an income over a period of years rather than the possible burden or temptation of a one-time windfall, while ultimately benefitting St. Mark's as well.

6. GUARANTEE A MORE STABLE INCOME FOR YOU AND THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE

There are plans that will allow you to make a current gift to St. Mark's that will result in a fixed lifetime income for you or for those you name. Often that income is greater than you can earn on the current assets you hold. Once the term of the contract expires, the gift will then benefit St. Mark's.



"A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great."

Proverbs 18:16

"The gift of our giving is that through it we grow into the likeness of Christ, who gave himself so freely. And those gifts last for eternity."

The Rev. B. G. Husson

"All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you."

Deuteronomy 16:17

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE

Legacy Circle

PLANNED GIVING AT
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
A MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP



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Legacy Circle



ST. MARK'S LEGACY CIRCLE AND THE CIRCLE OF GRACE

The people of Saint Mark's are called to be and live as a community where all people experience God's unconditional love. The church is not a group of buildings, but the people of God: you, me... individuals called together to build up the body of Christ.

Part of our faithful commitment to St. Mark's is our stewardship of the day-to-day ministry. Your current gifts sustain St. Mark's ministries, vibrant worship and music, and bring life to the community. We thank you for this vital support.

Current gifts, however, cannot ensure the future and expansion of this vital ministry. The generosity of those before us has helped build the church we are today. As we look to the future, we too have the opportunity to enable the mission of the parish to continue for the generations that will succeed us. This can only be accomplished through a strong endowment. A significant gift to The Endowment Fund of St. Mark's—made now or through your estate plans—will allow St. Mark's to maintain and expand its life enhancing witness in our community.

So the Circle of Grace meets the St. Mark's Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle is those who have made a gift to the Endowment Fund or named St. Mark's in their estate plans. Grace begets gratitude, gratitude begets generosity and generosity begets grace--now and for future generations of community in Christ at St. Mark's. Through our generosity, God's grace touches others.



6 WAYS YOUR GIFT CAN BENEFIT YOU

No gift is too small or too large. This gift can also provide you with valuable benefits. By including St. Mark's in your estate plans, you may channel dollars that otherwise would have gone to taxes toward sustaining life-giving ministry—while possibly providing secure income for you and/or people you care about. St. Mark's has plans that will allow you to:

1. REDUCE THE BURDEN OF TAXES

The assets you leave behind could be vulnerable to estate taxes of up to 46%. IRA or other retirement plans face additional taxes that can result in a loss of over 75% of their value. By using one of our plans, you may be able to transfer assets to your loved ones with reduced taxes. Your heirs, as well as St. Mark's could benefit substantially from such a plan. Many plans provide immediate income tax deductions as well.

2. MAKE A "CHANGE YOUR MIND GIFT"

A gift made through your will or trust can be changed, as can a gift made through a beneficiary designation of an IRA or other retirement plan. You preserve the flexibility to change your mind if your circumstances change.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION...

either complete and return this form or call (818) 240-3860 and ask to have a member of the Stewardship Committee call you.

- I have already included St. Mark's in my estate plan and wish to be listed in St. Mark's Legacy Circle.
- I intend to include St. Mark's in my estate plan.
- I would like more information about including St. Mark's in my will or other estate plan.
- I would like more information about how a gift to St. Mark's can help me to:
 - Generate retirement income
 - Make a significant gift at low annual cost through life insurance
 - Provide income (but not assets) to loved ones
 - Make a gift without taking assets from loved ones
 - Make a gift of my home and continue to live there for my lifetime
 - Sell appreciated property or stock tax-free and invest all the proceeds
- I would like a complimentary no-obligation consultation with a Diocesan advisor regarding my personal situation.

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Address _____

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