

# EIGHT EASY WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY

1. Prepare a Will. Without a Will, you lose control of your property at death.
2. Leave a gift in your Will to the Church and the other charitable organizations that make a difference in your life. Imagine the positive impact on the Church and your community if everyone made a gift from their estate!
3. Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your assets to the Church through your Will. If you're making a gift to your congregation, remember to include its address and consider adding the words "or its legal successor."
4. Consider using current assets for your charitable gift. These include, but are not limited to cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, art and jewelry.
5. Name the Church as the owner and/or beneficiary of a new, existing or paid-up life insurance policy.
6. Ask your financial or estate planner to include charitable giving as part of their counsel to their clients.
7. Encourage your Administrative Board or Council to establish a Planned Giving Program in your congregation. The Stewardship Foundation can help.
8. Contact The Stewardship Foundation for more information about these and other ways you can leave a legacy to whatever area(s) of the Church you want to support – your congregation, a theological college, outreach ministry, camping... opportunities abound!

