

# SHARE YOUR VISION WITH A PLANNED GIFT

Your planned gift to Grace is a unique expression of faith: giving back to God a portion of what you've been blessed with in life, and ensuring that the church you love can continue in vibrant worship, fellowship, and outreach for generations to come.

*"We have included Grace Church in our wills as a testament to the importance of Grace in our lives."*

gift made right now but an articulated intention of how you wish your assets to be distributed in the future. Your planned gifts leave a legacy of caring for future generations. Making plans for your estate now helps your loved ones and the organizations you care about

Planned gifts are different from the important annual pledges and other donations you make to support our parish. Planned giving is not a

by sharing with them your clear choices. The planned giving decisions you make may change with your circumstances and are easy to update.

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEGACY SOCIETY

Anyone who shares his or her intentions for a planned gift to the parish – for any amount – becomes a member of the Grace Episcopal Church Legacy Society. As you join the Legacy Society, you witness to the value of Grace in your life and encourage others to consider including Grace in their plans as well.

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR PLANNED GIFT

You do not need a sizeable estate to make a difference for the future. A gift of any amount that is meaningful to the giver is indeed an important legacy.

The most common planned gift is a bequest, which means specifically naming the church in your will. For many people, the simplest option is to give a certain percentage of their estate to the church after what they set aside for children or other heirs.

Without a will, or in addition to a will, you can make the church a beneficiary of your retirement account, bank account, or life insurance policy.

*"For forty years Grace Church has been our spiritual home, and like responsible home owners, we have helped to keep it alive, active and welcoming. Now, in these so-called Golden Years, we have the opportunity, by naming Grace Church in our wills, to leave a legacy of love, thanksgiving and the very practical and necessary financial support to continue sharing God's legacy of love and commitment to us."*

– BARBARA AND WARD MORRIS

*"My mother has a saying that 'you can't out-give the Lord.' After a decade at Grace, I've discovered how true that is. For me, planned giving is a response to what this parish has meant to me."*

– BILL MALONE

For some people, a charitable gift annuity or other investment plan makes sense. We can provide additional information on some options other members have chosen. Talk to your attorney about what options are best for your individual circumstances and goals.

# JOINING THE GRACE LEGACY SOCIETY

You are a member of the Grace Episcopal Church Legacy Society if you have included Grace in your estate plans. Please let us know of your plans so we can welcome you and keep in touch. If you faithfully intend to include Grace in your estate plans, we also welcome you to the Grace Legacy Society. We encourage you to share your questions and wishes with us.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

- I have included Grace in my estate plans.
- I faithfully intend to include Grace in my estate plans.
- I give permission to include my name when members of the Grace Episcopal Church Legacy Society are recognized.
- I wish to remain anonymous when members of the Grace Episcopal Church Legacy Society are recognized.
- I would like to talk with a Legacy Society member or clergy about my plans.

**Return this form to:**

**Parish Administrator,  
Grace Episcopal Church  
3601 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305  
or call 703-549-1980**

*Your information will remain confidential. We will only publish your name among others when we recognize Legacy Society members if you give us permission.*