

TEMPLATE: Bulletin Insert on Planned Giving

Planting Seeds of Hope and Faith

*Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,
I would still plant my apple tree.*
Martin Luther

Planting seeds for future fruit is both an act of hope and an expression of faith.

We plant in hope that the small seeds will one day produce a tree whose fruit will bless future generations. We plant in faith by entrusting those who follow us to nurture our tree, harvest the fruit properly and use it for the best purposes.

Making a planned gift to **St. Swithin's** is a similar undertaking. A planned gift is a seed whose promised fruit will support the church well beyond your lifetime.

Insert the name of your church.

Planned giving is often part of an overall estate plan to distribute your assets and possessions to the people and causes most dear to you. Planned gifts come in several forms. The simplest planned gift is to make a bequest to the church in your will. Other options, such as charitable gift

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Use the official name of your parish's endowment fund, and add a description.

annuities through the Episcopal Church Foundation, provide a guaranteed income for life and substantial tax savings.

Planned gifts are funded from accumulated assets of your lifetime. When you make a planned gift to **St. Swithin's**, it typically does not impact your current income. In fact, there are several types of life-income gifts that can actually supplement your income for the rest of your life.

Planned gifts are generally used to build **the endowment fund**, which is vitally important for the long-term health of the church. Endowment funds empower ministry beyond what is possible through annual operating funds. They provide future parishioners with the means to continue to worship, learn, and serve the community and the world as we have been blessed to do.

Planned giving is a powerful opportunity to ensure your most sacred values and commitments are part of your legacy. Your planned gift represents your hope for the future mission of **St. Swithin's** and your faith in generations to come.

For the free booklet, *Making a Planned Gift*, please complete this form and return it to the church office or contact the Episcopal Church Foundation at 800-697-2858 or www.episcopalchurchfoundation.org.

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