



Planned Giving

Planned Giving is a way of being responsible stewards of the blessings God has entrusted to us. Planned gifts normally come from our accumulated assets and are intended to fund the long-term ministry objectives of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

We are called to live a generous life and to be faithful stewards of the gifts that God has given to us. Over time, generosity becomes a habit and then a lifestyle. Planned gifts are one way you can help to ensure the long-term viability of our church and its ministry.

The Stewardship Committee of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul strongly recommends you seek professional advice from your Financial Advisor, Wealth Manager, Tax Advisor, Lawyer and/or your Notary to ensure that your financial situation and those of your dependants are considered; that your tax situation is reviewed; and that your gift is tailored to your circumstances and your short and long term financial plans.

You do not have to be rich to leave a gift. A gift of any size, entrusted to God, is a seed that grows.

Planned Gifts:

- Are a statement about your faith and life values
- Usually fund long-term mission and ministry
- Often have significant tax benefits associated with them
- Are usually given from accumulated assets rather than current income
- Tend to be larger than gifts given regularly from current income.

Planned Gifts can be made during your lifetime or through a bequest in your will and could include these types of gifts which are described in more detail in the following pages:

- a cash bequest
- a donation of appreciated publicly traded securities
- a donation of a lump sum to purchase a charitable gift annuity
- a donation of residual interest
- a donation of a lump sum to establish a charitable remainder trust
- a donation of a lump sum to establish a donor advised fund
- a gift of a life Insurance policy
- a gift of a Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP's), Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIF's) and Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TSFA's) on death



Wills and bequests

Over the years faithful Presbyterians have supported the church through gifts from their estates. A Charitable Legacy Gift, also called a charitable bequest, is a direction in your will that instructs your Executor(s)/Trustee(s) to leave one or more of your assets (cash, marketable securities or property) to our Church. A charitable gift in your will is a meaningful way to support the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul's mission for the future. Your estate will achieve tax savings from your gift.

Appreciated Publicly Traded Securities

A gift of Appreciated Publicly Traded securities to the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul is an attractive option for many donors. When you transfer shares, bonds, or units of mutual funds listed on a prescribed public stock exchange to the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul you will not pay tax on the capital gain. Because you qualify for a charitable tax receipt based on the asset's fair market value, the net cost of the gift of securities may be less than a gift of an equivalent amount of cash.

Example: 1000 shares sold at CAD \$10.00 per share in 2017. The same 1000 Shares were originally purchased for \$1.00 per share in 2015.

	Shares are sold Cash is Donated	Tax Receipt Issued	Shares are Donated to Our Church	Advantage of Share Donation
Sale of Securities	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Original Purchase Price	\$1000	(3)	\$1000	
Capital Gain	\$9,000		\$0	
Taxable Income (1)	\$4,500		\$0	
Tax Payable @53% (2)	\$2,385		\$0	\$2,385 Less
Church Receives	\$7,615		\$10,000	\$2,385 More

Assumptions:

(1) 50% of Capital Gain is included as Taxable Income

(2) Federal and Provincial tax and credits at the top marginal rates in Quebec



(3) Original Purchase Price of \$1,000 is employed to determine profit on transaction when securities are donated

You may also wish to consider donating listed securities in your will. Because capital gains will not be taxed, your estate may realize considerable tax savings from your gift while preserving capital for your beneficiaries.

Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable Gift Annuity purchased through the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) allows you to support the mission and ministry of the church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, the PCC and/or another area of the church. Annuities are high quality, guaranteed investments that provide regular guaranteed income payments to you and/or your spouse for life. Income from a charitable gift annuity can have certain tax advantages. It can be an ideal choice if you are concerned about the amount of tax you are now paying on your interest-bearing investments. This form of investment works best for those aged 65 or older.

For a minimum of \$5000.00 you may purchase a “single annuity” (which provides income for you as long as you live) or a “joint annuity” (which provides life-long income for you and your spouse as long as either of you lives).

Some or all of the annual income is tax exempt, depending on your age at the time you acquire a gift annuity. In addition, donors receive a one-time charitable tax receipt for a minimum 20% of the total annuity (the percentage increases the older you are when you acquire the annuity).

Gifts of Residual Interest

A gift of Residual Interest is the gift of an asset, which would not normally depreciate in value, to the Church now. You would receive an immediate tax benefits but would be able to continue to enjoy the use of the asset for the rest of your life. Gifts of your home, a work of art such as a painting or a property are examples of gifts of residual interest.



Charitable Remainder Trusts

A charitable Remainder Trust is a way of giving assets to the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul through a trust agreement. You may choose a charitable remainder trust because you have an asset that you would eventually like to give to the Church, but you want to receive the income it provides now and you do not wish to part with your asset at this time. When the trust is created, you receive an immediate tax receipt for a part of the trust amount.

Donor Advised Funds

A donor advised fund is a fund that is set up by a donor who reserves the right to direct how the capital is invested and how the revenue generated by the fund is distributed. This type of giving arrangement is made between a donor and a sponsoring organization (such as a trust company, community or charitable foundation or The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul).

Donor-advised funds are on the increase both in Canada and around the world as a way for donors to give to charitable causes they care and value deeply about, like their Church, while retaining control over the charitable impact they want their donations to have.

Life Insurance

A gift of **Life Insurance** is a simple and easy way to support The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. A life insurance policy enables you to leave a significant gift for a relatively small financial outlay. Many donors would like to make current significant contributions to our Church and to certain areas of its ministry; however, they may not have the financial resources to make a large gift during their lifetime. A like insurance gift can be a creative way to make a meaningful gift that you didn't think was possible. You can make a gift of either a new or existing policy.

If you **already have a policy**, you can change the beneficiary to The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Because this is a revocable gift, we are unable to issue you an immediate tax receipt, but your estate will be issued a receipt for the entire amount of the life insurance policy in the year the gift the gift is received.

You can **purchase a new policy** with the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul as owner and beneficiary. The Church will then issue a tax receipt for the annual premiums after the



documentation has been received from your insurance company. In this case, no tax receipt will be issued to your estate.

You can **transfer the ownership** of an existing policy to the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. The Church will issue you an immediate tax receipt for a portion of the policy's cash surrender value, if any. The Church will also issue a tax receipt for any annual premiums you pay after transferring the policy. In this case, no tax receipt will be issued to your estate.

Gifts of Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs), Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) and Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA) on death.

By naming the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul as the beneficiary of the proceeds of your RRSP, RRIF and TFSA in your will you can provide a substantial future gift to a Church ministry that you care deeply about. Donating all or part of your RRSP, RRIF or TFSA is an effective way to reduce the taxes payable by your estate.

If you die without a surviving spouse or qualifying dependants, the full remaining value of your RRSP or RRIF is added to your income in the year of death, and your estate must pay the taxes, often creating large tax liabilities. If your RRSP or RRIF has a registered charity such as The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul as the direct beneficiary, your estate will receive a donation receipt for the entire value of the plan offsetting any tax liability. The tax receipt can be used as a charitable tax credit by reducing other taxes. In all cases, you minimize taxes and make an impactful Legacy Gift.

Example of a Gift of 100% of RRSP/RRIF of \$600,000.

	No Gift	Gift of 100%	Total Tax Savings
Taxable RRSP/RRIF amount	\$600,000	\$600,000	
Tax payable @53% (1)	\$318,000	\$0	\$318,000
Estate Retains	\$282,000	\$0	
Church Receives	\$0	\$600,000	



Example of a Gift of 50% of RRSP/RRIF of \$600,000.

	No Gift	Gift of 50%	Total Tax Savings
Taxable RRSP/RRIF amount	\$600,000	\$600,000	
Tax payable @53 % (1)	\$318,000	\$159,000	\$159,000
Estate Retains	\$282,000	\$141,000	
Church Receives	\$0	\$300,000	

(1) Assumed Federal and Provincial tax and credits at top marginal rates in Quebec.

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Should you wish any additional information on Planned Giving, the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee or the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul or the church office manager Sandy Steadman may be contacted by phone (514-842-3431) or by e-mail at (sandy@standrewstpaul.com).

The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Mission Priority Funds

Should you wish to benefit the wider church, the following funds have been established by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to help you match your passion and interests to areas of ministry and mission:

The eight funds include:

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| 1) Creative Ministry with Children and Youth Fund | 2) Healing and Reconciliation Fund |
| 3) Native Ministry with Children and Youth | 4) Growing Churches Fund |
| 5) Mission Connection Fund | 6) Living Links Endowment Fund |
| 7) Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Fund | 8) Priorities for Mission Fund |



For more information about these funds please contact The Presbyterian Church in Canada e mail (www.presbyterian.ca/) or by phone (1-800-619-7301) or my mail to The Presbyterian Church in Canada Mission Priority Funds, 50 Wynford Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1J7.

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