

Central Legacy Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a legacy gift, and why is it important?

A gift to the Central Legacy Plan is a way of participating in God's ongoing faithfulness from one generation to the next. Just as those who came before us made sacrifices so that Central could flourish in their time, a legacy gift today allows us to extend that same faithfulness into the future. It is not simply about preserving buildings or expanding our campus—it is about ensuring that the Word of God continues to be proclaimed and lived out for generations to come.

How should I begin thinking about this?

Begin with prayer. Reflect on God's faithfulness in your life and consider how you might be part of His faithfulness for generations to come. There is no pressure—only an invitation. As those who have gone before us made a way for today, we now have the opportunity to help make a way for tomorrow.

How can I participate in the Legacy Plan?

There are a variety of ways to participate in the Legacy Plan, either now or in the future. Designed for estate/end-of-life giving, the traditional way to participate in the Legacy Plan is to name Central in your estate as a beneficiary to receive a gift of cash, stock, real estate, and/or other assets at the end of your life. If preferred, you can also give your estate gift now while you are still living. We recommend that you speak with your financial advisor about these options, to help you make the choice that is best for you.

Is this about funding buildings—or something more?

While the Legacy Roadmap includes three initial projects to preserve and expand our campus, the deeper purpose is ministry. These spaces exist to support worship, discipleship, and community. By caring for what God has entrusted to us, we remove future burdens and create opportunities for those who will come after us to experience the same transforming power of God's Word. Left untended, our campus will become increasingly burdensome financially for future generations. The Legacy Plan is intended to make Central's financial future more sustainable.

How Is the Legacy Roadmap decided?

As you may have seen on our web page, the Legacy Roadmap is the list of strategic project priorities that will be made possible by the Legacy Fund. The three initial projects on the Roadmap were the result of the work of a Session Task Force study, and ultimately were

reviewed and approved by our Session. They reflect what the Session believes to be the top priorities for the Legacy Plan, for the purpose of refortifying and growing our existing “mission outpost.” Additional projects will be added to the Roadmap over time, under the oversight and approval of our Session and with input from the Central Legacy Society.

How does a legacy gift reflect my faith?

A legacy gift is an expression of trust—trust that God will continue His work beyond our lifetime. It reflects a heart that says, “I want to help the Word of God to continue to be proclaimed in Truth and Grace for the next generation and beyond.” In this way, legacy giving becomes an act of worship, a response to God’s faithfulness, and a way of investing in eternal impact.

Do I need to make a large gift to be part of this?

No. Legacy giving is not measured by size, but by faithfulness. Many meaningful gifts are simple and planned over time—such as including the church in a will or naming it as a beneficiary. When combined with others, each gift becomes part of a much larger testimony to God’s provision and the shared commitment of His people.

How Does the Legacy Fund Relate to Central’s Annual Ministry Budget?

In brief, it does not relate at all to the annual ministry budget. The Legacy Fund and respective Legacy Roadmap are designed to be 100% independent of the annual ministry budget. The Legacy Plan is funded by estate/planned giving, which should be separate from and in addition to individual annual giving. It is our express desire that the Legacy Plan does not take away giving from the annual ministry budget needs. Rather, the Legacy Plan is intended to be funded by supplemental giving above and beyond regular annual contributions. It would be counterproductive for the Legacy Plan to unintentionally undercut our annual ministry budget needs.

Will this take away from what I want to leave for my family?

Caring for your family is a good and faithful priority. Legacy giving is designed to come alongside that—not compete with it. Many choose to include a portion of their estate as a reflection of their values, while still fully providing for their loved ones. It is one way of passing on both a financial inheritance and a spiritual one.

What is the Legacy Society?

The Legacy Society is comprised of all individuals who have made a commitment to participate in the Legacy Plan. It is intended to provide encouragement and inspiration for Central’s legacy, and also for the individuals who participate in it. All Legacy Society members are invited to the Legacy Annual Meeting, where new commitments are celebrated, Legacy Plan updates are provided, and member input about future Legacy

Roadmap ideas are solicited. Members of the Legacy Society also have the opportunity to serve as ambassadors of the Legacy Plan to other Central members. Society members have the option to remain anonymous if preferred.

Who Can I Contact?

For more information about the Legacy Plan, how to participate, or other general questions, please contact Central's Executive Director and Head of Staff, Tim Page. The easiest way to reach Tim is by email at tpage@centralpres.com. He is happy to correspond with you electronically, or to schedule a phone call or in-person meeting.

As you prayerfully consider how God may be leading you in your estate planned giving, we recognize that each situation is unique. A trusted financial, legal, or tax advisor can help you determine what is most appropriate for you and your family. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!