

# PLANNING A GIFT FROM YOUR ESTATE TO THE CHURCH

Leaving a gift to your church through your estate is a meaningful way to support God's work for generations to come. Thoughtful planning ensures your legacy continues to nurture faith, community, and ministry long after your lifetime.

### 1. Reflect on Your Values

- Consider the ministries, missions, or programs at RCCPC that have been most meaningful to you.
- Think about how your gift can continue supporting those areas in the future.

#### 2. Seek Professional Guidance

- Meet with your attorney, financial advisor, or estate planner to discuss the best way to include the church in your estate plan.
- Professional guidance ensures your wishes are honored and your gift is managed in the most effective and tax-advantageous way.

### 3. Choose the Type of Gift

Common ways to leave a lasting impact include:

- Bequests in Your Will A percentage of your estate or a specific dollar amount.
- Beneficiary Designations Naming the church as a beneficiary of a retirement account, life insurance policy, or investment account.
- Trusts or Other Planned Gifts Options that may provide lifetime income or tax benefits.

# 4. Use the Correct Legal Language

- Ask the church office for its full legal name, address, and tax identification number (EIN).
- Provide this information to your advisor to ensure your gift is directed properly.

### 5. Communicate Your Plans

- Let the church know about your intentions. This allows the church to celebrate your generosity now and plan wisely for the future.
- You may also choose to remain anonymous—your wishes will always be respected.

# 6. Review and Update Periodically

- Revisit your estate plan from time to time, especially after major life changes.
- Adjust your plans to reflect your current circumstances and giving priorities.

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