



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



You are invited to join the

Legacy Society

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ST. THOMAS LEGACY SOCIETY

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. -*Ephesians 3:20,21*



At St. Thomas, we recognize that all we have is a gift from God. Grateful for God's abundance, we strive to share our gifts for God's glory. Like the feeding of the 5,000, from only five loaves of bread and two fish that were shared, we know that when we share our gifts for the Kingdom of God, God does something infinitely more than we could ask or imagine.

By including St. Thomas in your estate plans you join the visionaries who went before, and whose generous legacies have made our community something infinitely more than what they could have imagined. Bequests made through the St. Thomas Legacy Society create an infrastructure of support that makes our ministries stronger, sustainable, and equipped to reach future generations. It may also provide you and your heirs significant savings on income, estate, and inheritance taxes. Your planned gift makes it possible for St. Thomas to dream big and act boldly from generation to generation.



The St. Thomas Legacy Society serves to enable members to witness to the value of St. Thomas in their lives. You may become a member of the Legacy Society simply by notifying us that you have named St. Thomas as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan. As a member of the St. Thomas Legacy Society you also qualify to be a member of the Diocese of Olympia Bishop's Society. The Legacy Society provides a vehicle to thank and honor those remembering St. Thomas in their wills or defined giving plans. Members of the Society are recognized in Society publications and periodically receive invitations to special events to celebrate their commitment to the ongoing mission and ministry of St. Thomas. Your membership will serve as an inspiration to others; however, if you choose to remain anonymous we will certainly honor that request.



There are many forms of planned giving, including but not limited to:



Life Celebration Gifts: Current gifts in thanksgiving of our many blessings or honoring a loved one no longer here are appreciated any time and help the church now.

A Bequest through a Will: This is the easiest and most common way of making a planned gift. You can designate a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset.

Life Insurance: Name the church as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary of the insurance proceeds.

Life Income Plans: Many plans allow a gift to the church and still provide you and your designated beneficiary income for life. Life income gifts also generally reduce or eliminate certain taxes.

A Life Estate: You can deed property to St. Thomas and retain the right to live in the property and/or receive income from the property for as long as you or your beneficiary live. A life estate gift reduces capital gains, inheritance, and estate taxes and offers an income tax deduction as well.

A Gift of Real Estate: Commercial or residential real estate can be gifted to the church, with tax advantages accruing to the donor. Real Estate could be sold by the church with proceeds invested in the Diocese Investment Fund, or a donated home could be used for clergy housing, which is needed at this time.

Transfers of Stocks or Bonds: The gift of an appreciated asset can provide a tax deduction and the church, as a non-profit, pays no tax on the gift.



A planned gift to St. Thomas goes into the St. Thomas Legacy Foundation, which has been designed to allow you intentional control over what happens to your gift. You can select a particular fund into which your gift will go or have the church direct it to where it is most needed.

If you are interested in providing a gift or naming the church in your will, we will provide information that you can review with your CPA or attorney to determine what works best for you. For more detailed information, click [here](#).

For more information on how you can make a gift to the St. Thomas Legacy Foundation contact Mother Liz Costello at liz@stthomasmedina.org or call her at the church at (425) 454-9541.

