

A Will to Give

A newsletter for those who want to leave a legacy.



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Juan and Elba are giving assets to the church in their will.

Faith, Fun, and Flexibility

Taking the time to plan for the future is never easy, but Juan and Elba Huertas made it a priority in their lives. They are planning their retirement and have decided to leave a legacy to the church. "We bought a second home in Puerto Rico and when considering that

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property we looked at our blended family of 4 children and 7 grandchildren and realized the kids can't take care of the Puerto Rico house the way it needs," she says. They both feel that "the church has given us so much in our lives, so we want to leave this house to the church."

Juan and Elba have been with the church for more than 25 years. They are members of the downtown region and have a relationship

with the Spanish and Southern City regions. They feel they owe so much to the church. Elba shared that she wept to hear God's word and felt God's graces and mercy at the first service she attended. "I have grown spiritually through Jesus' grace and reconciliation. I even met my husband at the first singles retreat I attended at the church," she says.

Elba sees that "a lot more people are stepping up to walk in Jesus' footsteps." She's very positive about the future of the church. "There is more push for financial planning, and thinking about end-of-life matters, and that's a good thing."

"Our commitment has to be consistent and flexible. FAITH, FUN and FLEXIBILITY. We're humans and we must be flexible. Consistency is imperative. Remain consistent in going to meetings and in the fellowship. A relationship with God is prioritized. It's MOST important. We're big on leaving a legacy through the work we do now in the church."



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Michael Voligny is a member of the Legacy Planning Committee

A New Planned Giving Site

“Planned giving” is an abbreviated way to explain how to leave a legacy to the church, and/or give present day gifts through assets like stock, individual retirement funds, and donor advised funds. I hope you’ll take time to look at the easy way to make a gift of assets from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) with the one-step button in our new planned giving website. If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts or you will be taxed on that distribution. Instead of taking that RMD, just click the button on the website, bring up your account, and send that IRA distribution to Boston Church of Christ. You’ll pay no taxes on that gift.

If you have a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) you may make a grant to Boston Church of Christ by clicking the DAF button on the website and pulling up your account.

Those are just two easy ways to make end-of-year gifts within the new website. If you need more information, please contact Gary Slebodnick whose information is on this newsletter. We are grateful to you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

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How to Leave a Gift in Your Will

When creating a gift in your will that lives on for generations to come, here is a simple bequest you might consider and the specific language to use in your will.

“I/we irrevocably give, devise, and bequeath to the Boston Church of Christ, Tax ID # 04-2494881, 214 Concord Street, Framingham, MA 01702, the sum of \$_____ (or a description of a specific asset), to be used for the following purpose: (e.g. unrestricted current use) If at any time in the judgment of the trustees of Boston Church of Christ it is impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose closest to the designated purpose.”



This information is not intended as legal advice. For legal advice, please consult an estate attorney.



Mike Van Auken, Chairman of the Elders

From the Elders

Welcome to our first edition of *A Will to Give*, which will provide information about planned giving to the church and highlight members who are using it as part of their legacy for Boston Church of Christ.

“Planned giving is a great way to support the vision and mission of the Boston Church.”

Please take a tour of the new planned giving website, which our legacy committee has worked on this past year.

Special thanks goes to Gary Slebodnick, Carl Peirce, and Michael Voligny for their hard work in spear-heading this process. The Quarter Century Club gets a round of applause, too, for the encouragement and input from these veteran disciples.

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Thank you for considering it.

Evangelist’s Corner



Kevin Miller and Melissa Miller

As you heard at our congregational Sunday service in October, we have spent the last two years chasing a vision from God—Hear His Voice, Proclaim His Name, Write the Future. As we close the book on this year and turn our eyes to the next, the Boston church is excited to build this vision and we are already seeing signs of revival. I look forward to sharing good news with all of you in weeks and months ahead through *A Will to Give*.



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