

What are you teaching those who will follow?

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Why is it important to consider my legacy?

It is important to leave a legacy or a gift to the future for several reasons. First, it is a teaching tool. It reminds the next generation that there were those of us who loved the church and her ministries so much that we felt it important enough to leave resources to continue the support of that mission. Secondly, I — and most all of us — have benefited from the support of previous generations. It is our responsibility to pass on support to the next. Finally, it clearly states that life does not end with my generation, but that I am part of a long chain of individuals, institutions, concerns. My leaving a legacy demonstrates my hope and my confidence in the ongoing ministry of the church and my faith in the next generation.

Why give from my accumulated belongings?

My accumulated belongings are a part of “all that I have.” When Jesus told the rich young ruler to go and sell all that he had and give it to the poor, it was a question of faith. Can you let go of all that you have and place your faith not in yourself, but place your confidence in God? Can you trust that in letting go you will find life? In our culture and spiritual environment, we need to consider accumulated belongings because that is part of the “stuff”, all of our “accumulated stuff,” that we put our dependence upon. It also is part of the “stuff” that limits our spiritual health by withholding.

What benefits can the Foundation provide?

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