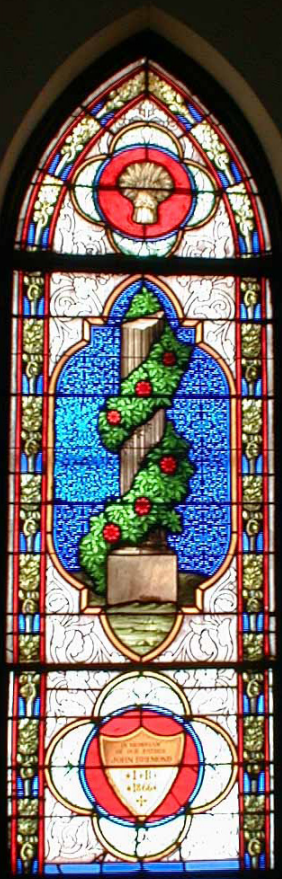


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The Importance of Your Bequest Plans

Having an up-to-date Will or Living Trust is important for your loved ones and important for you. Bequest plans are for all of us, regardless of how much wealth we have. Each of us has a story to tell.

As the circumstances in your life change, an update and review of your bequest plan with your attorney is appropriate. Changes in family circumstances and in employment may prompt review. As a general practice, looking at your plans every five years or so may be helpful.

According to The Episcopal Church Foundation, seven in ten Episcopalians do not have an up-to-date Will. With a thoughtful, up-to-date bequest plan, you have an opportunity to lift up God's blessings and tell stories of your life that you would like to see remembered after you have gone.

Consider a Christian Preamble

One gift you can leave is to include a Christian Preamble in your will, sharing your faith. In doing so, you not only have an opportunity to spread solace, but also to bring joy. As you talk with your attorney when you prepare and update your estate plan, you may want to consider adding something like this:

In thanksgiving to God for the gifts of life given in baptism, and for the many blessings God has showered upon me; and in thanksgiving to God for the gifts of faith and hope through Jesus Christ; and in thanksgiving to God for the gifts of nurture and love through the Church where we have shared faith and fellowship; I now commend my loved ones to grow in this same faith, being true to their own baptisms, knowing that God will continue to provide for them in their lifetimes; I encourage them to place their faith and trust in our Lord and Savior.

Caring for Loved Ones and Leaving Charitable Gifts

What we do with our estate is not an either/or proposition. As you talk with your attorney about your bequest plans, you have the opportunity to share the gifts you have been given by God with people you love and with places that are important to you in your life walk because of the way they carry forward with God's work in the world.

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Charles E. Gearing, Frederick Osborn III, and Pamela Wesley Gomez in their guide *Funding Future Ministry* provided the thanksgiving offered here as a suggestion for a Christian preamble.

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“For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9 verse 12

- Please send me information about the endowment of St. David’s parish.
- I would be interested in attending an estate planning workshop hosted by St. David’s.
- Please send me information about how to become a member of The Sumners Legacy Society.
- I have a question. Please call me. Best time to call: _____ a.m./p.m.
- I have not previously informed you, but I have already included St. David’s Episcopal Church Foundation through:
 - My will
 - A trust arrangement
 - An insurance policy
 - My retirement plan assets
 - Other _____

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St. David’s Episcopal Church Foundation, a separate 501(c) 3, manages the endowment for the benefit of the parish. Those who have provide a named gift to the Foundation, which at present is a gift of \$25,000 or more, or with legally executed planned gift provisions in place for St. David’s Episcopal Church Foundation are members of The Sumners Legacy Society. As our endowment grows through additional gifts, our parish will be better able to accomplish its mission for future generations. Annual stewardship will continue to be the responsibility of current generations. A healthy endowment allows the parish to accomplish special above and beyond purposes that will more fully realize our mission in years to come.

Molly Sharpe, planned giving advisor for St. David’s Episcopal Church Foundation, is available to answer your questions at (512) 423-6648. Return this form to St. David’s Episcopal Church Foundation, 304 East 7th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

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