

WHY GIVE

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Enrich people's Lives

Every day, people are helped and lives are enriched by the work of the Wesleyan Church, and your church in particular through your weekly tithes and offerings, and also through monies left in wills and estates and monies donated to the Wesleyan Church foundations.

Canadians give for many different reasons: for some it is a way to ensure their memory lives on, for many it's a way to ensure that their favorite church project is able to continue its important work, while for others it represents a way to facilitate the tax implications that come with the transfer of one's estate to surviving relatives.

Provide Support

Financial assistance is essential to support and sustain the church and its work. Many people generously give their money, time and energy to their local church and are yet unaware that by leaving a gift in their will or estate plan, they can continue to help people in need or help to fund a specific ministry for the future.

Churches need financial assistance from people like you to continue their work. By making bequests and other "planned gifts," you can continue to help ministries that are making an important difference in your family and your community. What better way to thank the church that has had an impact on your life, than to make a contribution from your estate through a bequest?

Leave a Memory

Choosing to leave a gift from the heart brings meaning, dignity and purpose to a life well lived. Your gift is your opportunity to participate in the continuation of the work most meaningful to you, in a way that allows this important cause to be well supported now and long after you have gone. Personal **Philanthropy** through a will can be an additional way to ensure that your memory lives on.

Surprisingly, a gift can also be a very practical addition to a financial or **estate plan** when **tax issues** are taken into consideration – even for those who think they may not have **tax issues**. In most cases, the **tax burden** left to relatives is lifted significantly. Your **professional advisor** can teach you how giving may actually benefit your family after you're gone. Together we can make a difference.

A Contribution for the Future

Personal **philanthropy** can help contribute to the **sustainability** of an area of ministry of your choice. In life, many of us require some kind of assistance, whether it's physical, financial or spiritual. Perhaps a specific area of ministry has special meaning to you. Maybe you were given a scholarship that made the dream of Bible College possible. You or a loved one may have been shown especially compassionate care in the hospital during an illness or injury. It is during life's many endeavors, that we are often reminded that more could be done to continue personal **philanthropy** which support humane acts of kindness, and help uphold programs for personal enrichment. By leaving a gift in your memory you are making a significant contribution to the future sustainability of those areas of ministry that you value most.