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Dear Friend,

A church member remarked, "I'm constantly asked by my alma mater and by charities to make provision for them when I'm long gone. How come the church doesn't ask?"

Good question! So I'm asking: Will you please consider making a legacy gift to St. Andrew's when you make your will or plan your estate? You've given faithfully to the ministry of St. Andrew's Church throughout your lifetime. Each annual pledge has expressed your commitment to Christ and your gratitude for God's blessings. Planned giving ensures that our most sacred values are part of the legacy we leave behind for future generations. Following Jesus in the way of love, here is a final opportunity to be a blessing for others.

This letter launches a planned giving program for St. Andrew's that will benefit present and future members. Planned giving allows a donor to make provision for family members and for the church, often in ways that reduce taxes. Far from being reserved for those with great wealth, planned giving can be as simple as adding a bequest to the church in your will. Other options such as charitable gift annuities provide a guaranteed income for life and substantial tax savings. A dedicated "Planned Gifts" section of our website provides detailed and up-to-date information on how to give without reducing your income or diminishing your savings.

This initiative was prompted by three legacy gifts to St. Andrew's Church. Rob Freitas made a gift from an investment account, having named St. Andrew's as an account beneficiary. Ellen Schauff left St. Andrew's a portion of her estate. Bill and Wendy Sloan have created a charitable trust which gives them a steady income stream with St. Andrew's as the ultimate beneficiary. Please take a moment to look over the enclosed tri-fold and information sheet. Might you want to join Rob, Ellen, Bill and Wendy as members of the St. Andrew's Legacy Society?

Please prayerfully consider whether you might take the next step — exploring planned giving opportunities to support St. Andrew's. The Legacy Fund will empower ministry, encourage innovation and prioritize mission. Your gift will also help sustain our bread-and-butter work: every Eucharist celebrated, every sermon preached, every child encouraged in their faith, every ill person visited, every bereaved family comforted — every person touched by the love of Christ through our care and compassion.

Faithfully yours,

Jay MacLeod

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