

Your Footprints



Everyone leaves footprints on the sands of time. Our prints are made by the imprints of our lives on others. For living a life that lets people see Jesus through us. For living a life that gives glory to God in all we do. A person is remembered for the weight of his or her character. ***For marks of accomplishment. For shapes of kindness. For length of compassion. For width of personal warmth. For generosity. For values.***

When we leave positive impressions behind, we enhance the lives of our friends and loved ones. We give them footprints to follow.

Thoughtful estate planning is one means we have to make a print in the sand, to help others recall our priorities. For example, consider the effect of a plan that not only includes provision for family members, but resources for expanding ministry at the church.

An estate gift makes a positive statement:

When you include the church in the final disposition of your estate, you declare to your family and friends that you believe in and care about the mission of the church. Your parting gift becomes a clear declaration of your faith and values.

An estate gift provides needed funding:

Estate gifts are especially valuable, not only because they tend to be larger than annual gifts, but also because they often come at critical times. They provide that extra boost to the budget that can make the difference between program advancement and program retrenchment.

Estate gifts can be designated for a specific purpose or they can be unrestricted for use where needed most. They can fund endowments that perpetually provide an ongoing witness to your faith, declaring to friends and loved ones that you treasure and support the ministry of the church.

An estate gift encourages imitation:

There's something about a well-planned estate gift that influences others to "go and do likewise." As friends and family members plan their own estates, they may recall your generosity, concern and thoughtfulness. Your gift may unlock resources for the church from other estates.

Brian Hyde, the California-Nevada-Hawaii District's Gift Planning Representative, is available to provide to you, confidentially, with the information and materials you need to include a gift for the Lord's work. Only our Lord knows how many hearts will be touched, how many lives will be changed by your stewardship of the blessings God has entrusted to your care. Brian can be reached at (925) 245-4016.