

Pay it Forward!

There are a number of ways you can “pay it forward” by creating a legacy for Highland Presbyterian Church. All of these options below have the advantages of not reducing your current financial situation or income (perhaps even enhancing it) while in many cases allowing you to escape federal and state taxation.

Bequests are the easiest way to “pay it forward.” Including a bequest in your will to Highland Presbyterian can take several forms.

- Cash Is easy to designate but runs the risk of reduced value due to inflation.
- Percentage of assets avoids the problem of the amount being eroded by inflation.
- Real Estate can provide a unique opportunity. The donor may transfer a home or other property. If it is a personal residence or farm, the donor can retain use of it during their lifetime.

Life insurance with Highland as the beneficiary ensures that a fixed sum goes to Highland upon your passing. Often this is an “old” policy whose cash value has risen over the years and.

Appreciated assets could be transferred to Highland while “cheating” our favorite Uncle. Many stocks and other securities have a value far in excess of original cost which if converted would lead to income taxation. Transferring these to Highland avoids the capital gains tax.

Charitable remainder trusts allow a future gift to Highland while receiving income during your lifetime. A trustee makes payments from the trust to the income recipient during their lifetime. When the income payments end the remaining assets would become available for the work of Highland.

Retirement Plans have since January 2023 become increasingly important. Designate a charitable beneficiary such as Highland for retirement accounts such as IRAs, 401(k)/403(b) Keogh and other may reduce you income tax and those of your heirs.

Annuities take a variety of forms and should be individually tailored for your situation. All of them have a tax advantage, but their main benefit is to guarantee lifetime income for the owner. Annuities may be for a single life or for two. Remaining funds (if any) could be transferred to Highland as a beneficiary.

These are examples and should not be considered financial advice. For that information see an advisor or lawyer.