



Planned Giving:

Growing the Endowment Fund at Eliot Chapel

What will we harvest?

As at many successful churches, our Endowment Fund has been created to enhance the congregational mission.

The fund will grow to \$100,000, or another amount the congregation decides, without using its growth or income.

When that balance is reached, the fund's principal will be left intact as it continues to grow, and the income will be available for use.

Your monetary gift to Eliot's endowment will be a legacy to our beloved community, to the tradition of liberal religion, and to the world. From the Endowment Fund's income, we will harvest:

- Enrichment of programming and enhancement of its operating budget.
- Outreach in social justice and education of the community about Eliot Chapel and Unitarian-Universalism, and expansion of its reach through charitable gifts, scholarships, and the like.
- Reinvestment for big projects, such as capital improvements to our facilities, or opportunities for service that come our way.



How can I help seed this crop?

Besides our annual support, we can all make special lifetime gifts, or monetary legacies at death, to grow our Endowment and make a mark for our congregation and our liberal religious tradition.

The plan that is best for you need not be complex.

You can:

- Make Eliot the full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or give the policy to Eliot.
- Make Eliot a partial beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k), or other retirement account, in a dollar amount or as a percentage.
- Leave a gift in your will or trust.
- Give Eliot an after-death, or remainder interest, in an asset, while retaining income rights and getting a current tax deduction.
- Give Eliot income rights, and get a tax deduction, while preserving the amount left at death for your family or charity.
- Give Eliot a current gift, of cash, appreciated assets, or real estate.

There are other possibilities, as well. You can call your attorney, or you may call the office for a referral to an Eliot attorney who will consult with you at no charge about your planned gift to Eliot Chapel, and make further referral should extensive work be necessary.

Be sure to let the lead minister know when you make Eliot Chapel a beneficiary, so that Eliot can help your survivors fulfill your wishes and offer recognition for your generosity.

Our ministers will be glad to talk with you further about this topic.

Eliot Chapel's Mission:

Bound by courageous love, growing in spirit, and inspiring compassionate action.

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