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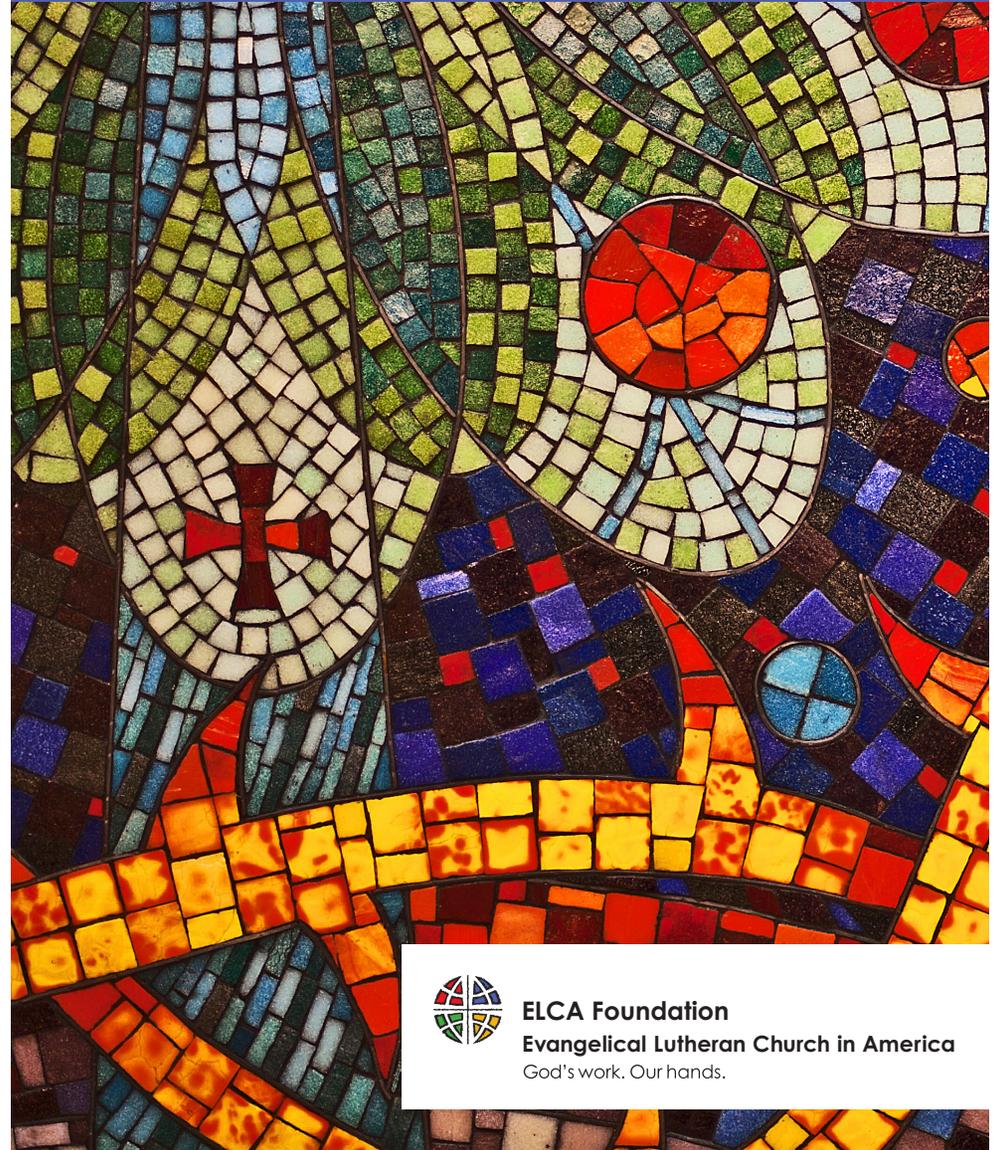
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# Growing in faith. Growing in giving.

Gift planning options that reflect your life's journey.



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## This church and its ministries mean a lot to you. And they mean a lot to the communities we serve.

The ELCA Foundation is here to help you create your legacy and ensure the continuation of God's work in the world – for years and years to come.

We'll help you with a planned gift that benefits any ELCA ministry, including your congregation, camp, university, seminary, or churchwide ministry, such as ELCA World Hunger, the ELCA Fund for Leaders or Lutheran Disaster Response.

### GIFT PLANNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS

A planned gift can help you make a more significant gift than you ever thought possible, while at the same time advancing your financial and estate-planning goals. Options include:

- **Gifts made through wills, trusts or estates.**
- **Charitable gift annuities**, which provide fixed payments for life, with the remainder benefiting ministry. Minimum irrevocable gift amount: \$10,000.
- **Charitable remainder trusts**, which provide a stream of income for a term of years or for life. The remainder benefits ministry. Minimum amount: \$100,000.
- **Gifts made from donor-advised funds**, which allow you to direct funds to benefit ministry.
- **Donor-directed distribution agreements**, which provide flexibility on how your gifts are named and where they are distributed, with a maximum number of 10 beneficiaries. Any size gift is welcome.
- **Named endowment funds**, which are established with outright gifts or through other gift vehicles in your name or in memory of a loved one. Minimum gift: \$25,000.
- **Gifts of cash, securities and real estate**, which allow you to make an impact on ministry today.
- **Qualified charitable distributions from your IRA**, which allow you to make a gift to support ministry and save on your taxes.

### EXPERTISE FOR CONGREGATIONS

To help your congregation be an effective partner in planned and major giving, we offer the following assistance with:

- **Mission endowment fund guidance** so congregations can be thoughtful stewards of bequests and planned gifts.
- **Gift planning education** through seminars on wills, estate plans and charitable gift planning.
- **Investment options for endowments** available through the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust and the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. For more information contact the ELCA Foundation.



## Let's continue the conversation.

The ELCA Foundation has professional gift planning staff throughout the nation and gift planning tools for every situation. All of our gift planning services are made available to individuals and congregations without obligation. It is our ministry to be of service.

To speak to a gift planner in your region:  
Call us at 800-638-3522  
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You can also learn more at  
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