

## Why should I give?

As a Member or Friend of First Unitarian you provide time, effort and money to ensure the Church thrives, and supports ourselves and the wider community. It is also possible to do the same after your death and it won't cost you a dime!

You can help secure, strengthen, and extend the long-term survival and mission of our congregation by leaving a legacy to First Unitarian or First Unitarian Foundation.



## How will my money be put to work?

You decide! There are five options to which you can direct your legacy.

The **Operating Reserve Fund** provides a cushion against unexpected events, losses of income, or large unbudgeted expenses.

The **Capital Reserve Fund supports** future capital purchases, ongoing costs associated with fixed assets or additional payments against mortgage capital.

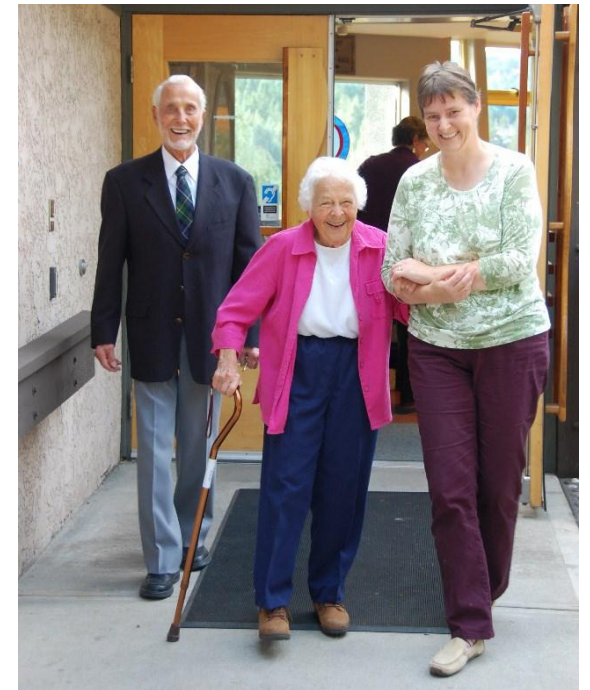
The **Endowment Fund** provides a cushion against a calamity that threatens the survival of the Church. Earnings can be added to the fund's capital or used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

**First Victoria Foundation** holds donations in perpetuity while earnings provide grants for projects not funded by the Church operating budget. In the past this has included bursaries to First Nations students, support for salmon enhancement and enhanced music at our summer services.

Or simply name **First Unitarian Church of Victoria**, and funds will be used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

## How can I give?

Regardless of age or financial situation, we all need a will. For many, the easiest way to plan a future gift is to name our Church or Foundation as a beneficiary in your will. However there may be other instruments, such as an insurance policy or simply naming the Church or Foundation as beneficiary to your RRSP or RRIF, that would be more beneficial to you. It all depends on individual circumstances, and it is important to talk about this with your financial advisor. If you do not already have an advisor, the Planned Giving Committee can provide some options.



## How will I be recognised?

Some people like to be recognised and to feel appreciated for their generosity, while others prefer to remain anonymous. By allowing your gift to be publicly recognised you may encourage your peers to be equally generous and help to make others feel more comfortable talking about money.

**Recognition during your lifetime** – After you arrange a planned gift for the Church or Foundation you will have the option of joining “The Legacy Circle” - our way of recognising you for planning a legacy gift. As a member of The Legacy Circle you will be invited to events celebrating generosity through planned giving.

**Recognition after your death** – The names of those who have made planned gifts to the Church or Foundation on their death will be recorded on a plaque hung prominently in the Church. Donors may choose to remain anonymous.



## Contact us

For further information please visit the Planned Giving page at <http://victoriaunitarian.ca/> or contact the Planned Giving Committee or the First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation through the Church office.



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# Securing our Future Through Planned Giving



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