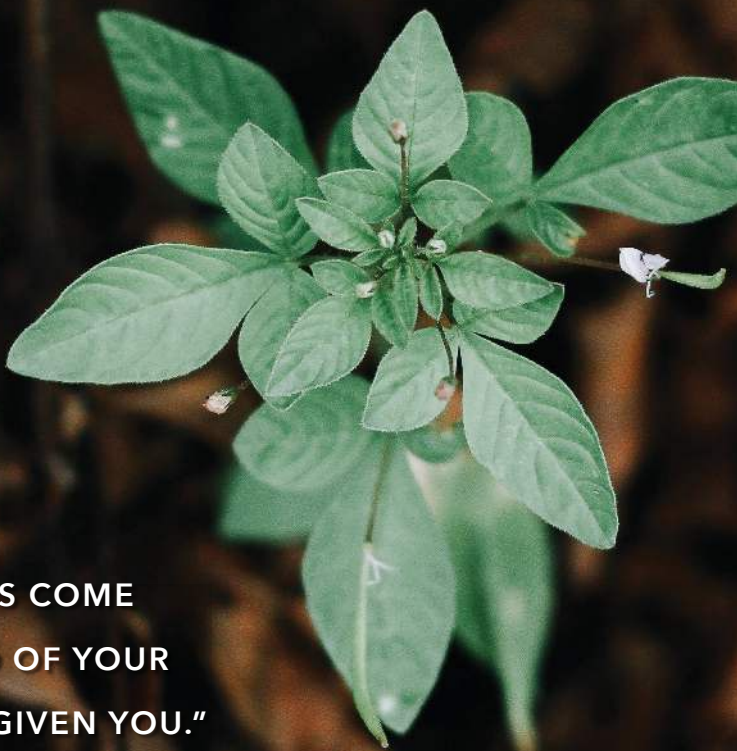


GIVING A LEGACY



"FOR ALL THINGS COME
FROM YOU, AND OF YOUR
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1 CHRONICLES 29:14



GIVING A LEGACY:

*Investing in the work of
the Anglican Diocese
of Singapore*

Dear fellow Anglicans,

As a diocese and body of Christ, our calling is to respond to the innumerable spiritual, physical and social needs within our parishes and throughout our greater community, and I give thanks to God for our church leaders, staff, lay leaders and volunteers who live the gospel daily in reaching out to the grieving, sick, disabled and marginalised.

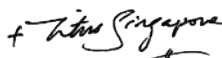
The demands for providing these ministries and services are great and ever increasing, and Legacy Gifts help to ensure that our ministries thrive today, and continue into the future. Through your Will, you are making a profound and lasting commitment to stewardship and to your faith community, and you become part of the healing, transformation and hope that our diocese is bringing to Singapore, our deanery countries and beyond. You are also helping to ensure that our diocese remains relevant for future generations.

All Legacy Gifts make a difference, no matter the size or type. They can come in the form of property, sums of money, or proceeds from the sale of stocks and shares or CPF nomination. They can be directed to the Diocese of Singapore, or to a specific parish or deanery, for a specific purpose. A biblical basis for legacy giving is included here to inform and inspire you.

For more information, including some sample wordings for providing for a gift in your Will, please approach your Vicar or Priest. You may also contact Mabel Tan from the Diocesan Central Administration for future advice. She can be reached at mabeltan@anglican.org.sg

We appreciate your support and generosity.

Warmly in Christ,



The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung
The Bishop of Singapore

BIBLICAL BASIS FOR LEGACY GIVING

*"For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You."
1 Chronicles 29:14*

These words form part of the offertory sentence in our Holy Communion service. It expresses the basis for Christian giving and stewardship: that all we have are gifts from God and ultimately belong to Him.

This verse was part of the prayer that David prayed as he gathered resources for the building of the temple recorded in 1 Chronicles 29:10-19. It was David's dream to be able to build a temple for God. However, God told him that it would be his son, Solomon, who would be given that task. Despite this, David still wanted to contribute to this great project by providing the materials that would be needed. The list of materials that he gave was impressive (1 Chronicles 29:2-4), but he went on to challenge the people to also make freewill offerings to add to the construction of the temple. The people did this whole-heartedly.

This mighty offering resulted in great rejoicing and it led to this prayer. David starts out by praising God and acknowledging that God is ultimately the owner of "everything in heaven and earth" (1 Chronicles 29:11). As such, he declares that even what he gives is in fact rightfully God's. His giving is not a merit-earning endeavour, but an act of gratitude and a returning of the resources in his care to its rightful owner.

David goes on to say that we are "sojourners", and therefore transient (1 Chronicles 29:15-16). Everything we have is held in trust for the Lord. We are stewards (or managers) of our wealth, and not owners.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus frames his teaching on wealth in light of the end, and our responsibility to be good stewards (Luke 12:35-48). His instruction that "to whom much is given...much is required" (Luke 12:48) is a reminder that we should give careful consideration to what we should do with the wealth the Lord has allowed each of us to gain throughout our lives on earth.

It is thus fitting and right for each of us to consider how we can plough back the resources God has graciously given us responsibility over during our brief and temporal lifetime. To this end, we humbly ask you to prayerfully consider leaving a bequest to the Diocese for the ongoing work of God and the Gospel of Christ.



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MISSIONS

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AREAS YOU CAN CONSIDER GIVING TO:

- › for strengthening support to all parishes within the Diocese
- › care for clergy and deaconesses
- › youth ministry development
- › school chaplaincy support

- › The Centenary Diocesan Trust Fund (CDTF) was set up in 2009 to commemorate the 100 years since the founding of the Diocese in 1909. It is dedicated to strategically support the growth and development of the Diocese particularly church planting, missions and outreach amongst people groups within the Diocese and her six deaneries - Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam.

- › for parish ministry growth

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