

GIVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

The mission work of Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest (LMS) and the lives they touch can be a part of your legacy. You can make a difference as a LMS Legacy Member.

Your charitable gift touches those in need of compassion today and graciously helps build opportunities for reaching more people tomorrow.

Including LMS in your own estate/legacy planning will allow this ministry to continue to provide peace, understanding, and a reflection of Christ's love for years to come.

LMS wants to help ensure your own philanthropy can continue long after your lifetime.

For more information about including LMS in your estate/legacy planning, contact LMS, a legal professional or your financial advisor.



You can start today:

- Make sure you have an up-to-date will (or living trust) that reflects your charitable objectives. Without these documents, you surrender control of your property and assets to the courts.
- Contact your financial advisor (a financial planner, lawyer or accountant) and ask for help establishing a charitable gifts.
- Think beyond cash. You can leave stocks, real estate, insurance policies and personal property to charitable organizations.
- Make your favorite charity a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension plan or IRA.
- There are so many wonderful estate and charitable planning techniques available. You can guarantee that all our financial and philanthropic goals are met during and after your lifetime.

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Leave Your Legacy



*Making A Difference
As A LMS Legacy
Member*



WE RELY ON CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEY RELY ON US.

We rely on Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest (LMS) to serve the community with compassionate chaplaincy, pastoral, and spiritual care programs and services.

We rely on LMS to be a resource throughout the Northwest for the spiritual care needs of those who are away from their normal faith groups, those not active in a congregation, or those that may be searching for answers to their own spiritual questions.

We rely on LMS to provide certified chaplains, trained spiritual care providers and volunteers to visit men, women, and children, as well as their families.

We rely on LMS to be a reflection of Christ's love in hospitals, nursing homes, care centers, veteran facilities, jails and prisons. LMS is a spiritual light to those facing some of life's most catastrophic circumstances.

LMS would like you to consider leaving a legacy by including a LMS in your will or estate/legacy plan. You can help to continue the LMS mission well into the future.

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded, and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

Luke 12:48

TIMING CAN BE EVERYTHING

Estate and Legacy planning is often a matter of seizing opportunities and acting at just the right time.

Please call our office, your financial advisor or attorney before you:

- ❑ Sell your business and investments, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or real estate. Use a charitable trust and there are no capital gains tax and a guaranteed income for life.
- ❑ Include LMS in your will or living trust and bypass probate and possible estate taxes. There are many ways to leveraging your philanthropy.
- ❑ Roll over low-interest CD's or bonds at maturity. Consider a Gift Annuity instead.
- ❑ Change the beneficiary of your pension or retirement plans and life insurance policies. Include LMS and avoid the IRS taking their share.

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson~

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Even a small amount can have a big impact over time. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or somewhere in between, your gift can make a difference.
- You can leave money to your family and to your favorite charity. Some charitable gifts can actually save your family money by decreasing inheritance, estate, and income taxes.
- It's easy. A simple directive in your will can bring welcome support to an organization that will make a difference in the lives of many people.

LMS LEGACY MEMBERS

The Johnsons are a couple that have worked hard to build their estate. They are humble people that want to ensure that the organizations they have supported for many years will continue after they are no longer here to provide financial support.



The Johnsons meet with their attorney to update their will and establish a living trust. Their estate will continue to provide for their family and now their cherished philanthropy will live on for perpetuity.

After the Johnsons are gone, their love for this ministry will continue. LMS will receive a portion of their estate that will help ensure the ministry work that was started in 1938 will continue to share their love for those in need of chaplaincy services, pastoral and spiritual care programs.

More than 80% of Americans contribute to nonprofit groups throughout their lifetimes.

Only approximately 9% of Americans chose to continue this support through a charitable bequest.



This is due to the fact that most people are not aware of the tremendous benefits associated with Estate / Legacy / Charitable planning.