

Creative Examples of Sacrificial, Generous Gifts from Assets

Please prayerfully consider these ideas for giving generously back to our Lord . . .

- Retired and have less income than you used to have? By making a gift from accumulated assets, you can save significant yearly taxes and often actually have more money to spend.
- Tithe—Calculate your net worth and give a tithe, a tenth, of that amount or more by a gift to First Church for the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign.
- Are you considering making a large purchase soon? Postpone the purchase or cut back on the size of the purchase and give the difference to the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign.
- Planning an addition to your present home? Delay the addition, or modify your plans and downsize the addition and commit the difference to the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign.
- Inherited stock, or have your stocks or mutual funds appreciated in value? Give these assets to the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign and get a full charitable contribution deduction and also save capital gains taxes.
- Are most of your assets invested in land? Donate a building lot or two to First Church, and take significant tax savings.
- Four years of college tuition? If all of your children have finished college, imagine that you have one more child. Give an equivalent of college tuition to the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign spread over the four tax years of the campaign. If you had another child you would probably find a way to provide college tuition equivalent to the amount spent for your present children.
- Do you have your assets invested in real estate and still want to leave assets to your children? Deed over real estate to First Church, and the church could provide a paid-up life insurance policy equal to the value of the property.
- Short of cash for the next few years? Make a Capital Fund Campaign gift now and finance it through a home equity line of credit. (Bonus: take the interest as a deduction on your federal income tax return.)
- Have too much life insurance? Donate the paid-up policy to the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign.
- Do you have jewelry, antiques, works of art, coin collections, or other valuable items? Give them to First Church for the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign and take the full value of the item as a tax deduction. Many times these items will have appreciated in value and you can give far more to the church than you may have imagined.
- Just finished a car payment or student loan? Consider giving the equivalent amount to the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign.
- Do you go to Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts every day? Consider cutting back and giving the savings to the Marsh 2.0 Capital Fund Campaign. A daily cup of coffee at Starbucks amounts to \$1800 over the course of a year and over three years amounts to \$5400!

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