

VINEYARD  
COLUMBUS

FINANCIAL  
MINISTRY

# STRATEGIC GIVING OPTIONS

... Go after God, who piles  
on all the riches we could  
ever manage—do good, be  
rich in helping others, be  
extravagantly generous. If  
you do that, you'll build a  
treasury that will last,  
gaining life that is truly life.

**1 Timothy 6:18-19**

From the very beginning of the church, we see the powerful example of people sacrificially giving in order to share the gospel, continue the ministry of Jesus and to meet the practical needs of people in our community.

Many of the early followers of Jesus were not wealthy, in fact most of them were the poorest of the poor. However, there are also examples of Christians who were wealthy landowners and business owners who believed in the mission of Jesus and used their financial blessing to continue the cause of Christ. This brochure is designed to help all of us think strategically about how we can use the financial blessings in our lives to bless others, both now and in the future.

Thank you for your desire to be a good steward of the resources God has given you. May God bless you richly as you seek to be a blessing to others!

*Note: This information is not intended to be a substitute for individualized financial, legal and/or tax advice. Please consult an appropriate financial advisor, attorney, or tax professional to discuss how these options may help you achieve your charitable goals.*

## ESTATE PLANNING

### What is Estate Planning?

It is good practice to have a plan for the end of our lives—things like trusts, wills, life insurance, and funeral arrangements can all be incredibly helpful for our loved ones who will deal with our financial affairs. In addition to leaving money for your children or relatives, have you considered your church as a recipient of your financial legacy?

### Estate Planning Workshops

We offer free estate planning workshops throughout the year. These ninety-minute sessions teach you to have a plan for the stewardship of your estate at death. The service includes free customized documents and private follow-up meetings. To find out when our next workshop is scheduled please visit the [Events](#) page on our website. Alternatively, many people consider creating or updating documents with their personal attorney. We encourage estate planning whichever way is most convenient for you.

### Special Arrangements

Consider Vineyard Columbus in your charitable planning if you are obtaining or updating your estate planning documents or evaluating things like Charitable Trusts or Donor Advised funds. Your attorney or our estate planning ministry can assist you with the documents. For information please contact our stewardship pastor Kent Irwin at 614.259.5505 or [kent.irwin@vineyardcolumbus.org](mailto:kent.irwin@vineyardcolumbus.org), including more information about our Biblical understanding of tithing.

# TITHE, OFFERINGS, AND PROPERTY

## 1. Tithes and Offerings

We encourage attendees to tithe (10% of your gross income). Cash and checks are received during worship services or mailed to the attention of the Finance Department. You can also give online at [vineyardcolumbus.org/give](https://vineyardcolumbus.org/give) or text "GIVE" to 98977 and follow the hyperlink to our giving page. Quarterly and annual giving statements are mailed to those that give via checks, online or in cash envelopes with contact information provided. For questions about your giving or online assistance, contact our finance department (information on the back).

## 2. Story Continues Campaign

To give to this campaign or make adjustments, please contact our finance department (contact information on the back). If giving in person, please write "*The Story Continues*" in the memo line or utilize envelopes available in the lobby. To learn more about the capital campaign, please visit [TheStoryVC.org](https://TheStoryVC.org).

## 3. Appreciated Stock or Mutual Funds

You may have invested money in the stock market that has increased in value. Did you know you may be able to donate the stock directly without having to pay capital gains tax and may qualify for tax deductions? If you are interested in learning more contact your tax advisor, investment advisor or [Kent Irwin](#).

## 4. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's)

If you are over 72 years old, you may be required to withdraw money from your retirement fund. You can also request that funds be made payable directly to a non-profit organization. This could reduce your taxable income while also supporting the ministry of Vineyard Columbus. Contact your financial advisor for more information about making a QCD.

## 5. Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of wills, trusts, retirement funds and insurance can include Vineyard Columbus. Contact your attorney, financial advisor, tax or insurance professional or Kent Irwin at [kent.irwin@vineyardcolumbus](mailto:kent.irwin@vineyardcolumbus) or 614.890.0000 ext 5505, for more information about beneficiary designations.

## 6. Property

- Property and real estate can be sold and the proceeds contributed to the church, if you are not able to do that you may be able to donate it directly to the church, [contact us](#) for more information.
- New household items can be donated for people transitioning from homelessness to housing. Please contact the [Transitions Ministry](#) or go online for a list of needed item.
- Infant supplies can be donated for women facing unintended pregnancies. Please visit our [Value Life](#) online for a list of needed items.
- Food and new personal care items for our food pantries can be donated in the bins located near exterior entrances to the sanctuary (Cooper Road Campus).
- Clothing and furniture, should be donated to organizations like The Furniture Bank and Goodwill.

During COVID-19, please contact the individual ministries listed, for current information.

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

### Acts 4:32-35

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For more information about any of these giving options or to make a donation, please contact Vineyard Columbus.

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