



## What is Planned Giving?

**Planned Giving can be very simple. Its easiest form is to leave a bequest in the form of cash or other assets in your will. It is like a final pledge to your Church.**

There are many other ways to leave a gift to our Church. Such as Charitable Annuities, Life Insurance and others; however, these require the special knowledge of professional planners and these possibilities you should discuss with either your financial or legal advisor.

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Ephesians 2:10**

## The Reformed Church of New Paltz

Established 1683, New Paltz, NY

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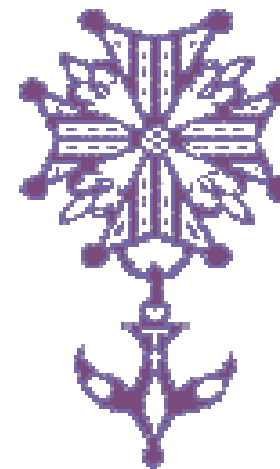
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## THE REFORMED CHURCH of NEW PALTZ

### The Huguenot Cross Society



A shared commitment of providing for the security of the Reformed Church of New Paltz characterizes the members of:

### The Huguenot Cross Society

A Society that recognizes those who support the Church by means of a Planned Gift.



## THE HUGUENOT CROSS SOCIETY

The Huguenot Cross is an ancient symbol of recognition among the French, who in the sixteenth century were given the name Huguenot. Originally a nickname, it became a name of honor among the French Protestants in the days of religious persecution. They wore the Huguenot Cross as a sign of the faith. The Huguenots came to be identified by the Languedoc Cross (derived from the Maltese Cross) rather than the Roman Cross. The Languedoc Cross has four arms of equal length, but each arm, or petal, becomes progressively broader as it leaves the center. These four arms represent the Gospels. The outer edge of each arm is indented in the shape of a V. There are two points at each end of each arm (eight in all), representing the Beatitudes (Mathew 5:3-10). Between the arms of the cross are four lilies, the symbol of Purity. In the open spaces between the arms of the Cross four hearts are formed, symbolizing Loyalty. The appendage is a small dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit.

For more than three hundred years The Reformed Church of New Paltz has had a tremendous and positive impact on the spiritual lives of many individuals and families.

We are blessed with God's love and support. Through our Christian Education and Music programs we cherish our children by providing wonderful opportunities to grow in their love of Jesus Christ. Our adult church members have always had a place to gather together and share a sense of belonging through Bible study, meditation, prayer groups, choir and social activities such as "Getting to Know You."

We all know that financial stability is one of the keys to securing this church family legacy. We must provide for the future well being of our church, to continue its mission which commenced over three hundred years ago. One way to accomplish this is through PLANNED GIVING.

## How Do I Get Started?

**The decision to make a gift is the first and most important step. After that a discussion with either your attorney or financial advisor will help you select the approach that best suits your needs, wants and situation.**

**It is very important to meet with your financial advisor and/or your attorney to discuss options and to choose a method of giving that is right for you.**

**Should you decide on a simple bequest the following or similar wording should be inserted into your will.**

**"I hereby bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_  
OR the following percent \_\_\_\_% of  
my estate to the Reformed Church of  
New Paltz located at 92 Huguenot  
Street, New Paltz, NY 12561**

If you have included The Reformed Church of New Paltz as a beneficiary in your estate planning please let us know so we may welcome you as I member of the:

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The Reformed Church  
of New Paltz**

