

Ten Years Strong . . . and Growing!

Estate Planning is key to a new decade of growth for our Green Lake Foundation

The Green Lake Church formed the Green Lake Foundation in 2003 in order to generate long-term financial support for the ongoing ministry, service, and outreach goals of the Green Lake Church. And here we are 10 years later.

Thanks to continued gifts from members and friends, campaigns, and careful management, the Green Lake Foundation manages more than \$800,000, a large portion of which is endowment. One of the Foundation's key purposes is to create and grow endowment funds that support the ongoing priorities, needs, and special projects of the church.

If you've never made a gift to the Green Lake Foundation this is a great year to do so for the first time. We are celebrating the first 10 years of growth and support for the ministries of our beloved Green Lake Church – and in doing so we seek to launch the Foundation into its second decade as a strong and growing enterprise.

As part of this celebration, we are highlighting one of the most important ways of giving -- through our estates. Making a provision in one's will, called a bequest, that provides either a set amount or a percentage of the estate to benefit the Green Lake Foundation is one of the most important ways anyone can support our church.

- Did you know that more than half of Americans do not have a will? Having an up-to-date will that reflects your wishes and charitable objectives is important. Careful estate planning that includes a charitable trust may be beneficial to you for tax purposes.
- If you need assistance in creating a will, explore the Estate Planning Council of Seattle's website or call them. The organization provides good resources for the public and a database of local professionals who can help.
- Many friends and members of GLC have already named the Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills. We encourage you to consider doing so as well. Make part of your legacy a strong and thriving Green Lake Church.
- You can access more information about the Foundation and estate giving, including sample language to make a bequest, on our website at <http://greenlakefoundation.org/ways-to-give/a-bequest.html>.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to celebrate the Foundation's 10th Anniversary with festivities and events. We hope that you will join us!

--The Green Lake Foundation Board of Directors

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