



# Planting Seeds of Generosity

A Planned Giving Workshop

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

**7:00 - 8:00 P.M. via Zoom**

What is planned giving? How might it make a difference in your life and your congregation's life? What impact on the future of the Church might you make?

Pastor Elise Rothfusz and Mr. Tim Urness, our Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation invite you to join them on Zoom for an hour of conversation about faith, Scripture, money, and generosity. We will also address questions like:

- What is a gift plan?
- How does planned giving help fund ministry in your congregation?
- How do bequests impact your church and are you prepared to receive one? How can bequests fund ministry and mission?
- What planning services are available to individuals, families, and congregations through our ELCA Foundation gift planner? How can we let people know these free services are available?

**To register for this workshop, follow the link in the synod newsletter or contact Pastor Elise Rothfusz, C/SIS Director for Evangelical Mission  
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As you consider your own legacy, contact Tim to schedule a meeting to develop your own gift plan! As a ministry of the ELCA and through the partnership of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod, Tim's gift planning services are available at no cost for either you or your congregation.



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Tim Urness is the Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation for Illinois. Tim is an integral team member of the ELCA Foundation. Tim is responsible for identifying, cultivating, soliciting, and securing new, ongoing, and planned gifts from individuals in support of synods, congregations, and the ELCA.

What can a Regional Gift Planner do for your congregation?

- Assist in establishing a "Mission Endowment Fund"
- Lead an Estate Planning and Planned Giving Presentation
- Provide support for your Stewardship Education
- Cultivate planned gifts
- Assist Lutherans in reaching their Charitable Goals

Tim has a BA from Southern Illinois University, and a MS from Northern Illinois University. He was until recently a Registered Representative (stockbroker), Registered Investment Adviser Representative (adviser), and Licensed Insurance Producer, with annuity and long-term care qualifications. His experience includes employment with Bank Financial, Fixed Income Capital Partners, and AXA Advisors.

Tim has been a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Illinois for over thirty years. He is an usher, is active in the Men's Bible Study, and volunteers for Hesus House in Aurora. He is married with three children.

How would receiving bequest gifts impact our church?

If we received a bequest of \$100,000 today, what would happen?

Are we prepared to receive a legacy gift?

What do the legacy gifts we have received in the past say about us?

Would a legacy gift fund a need in the church, a ministry, outreach?

Do we feel members are including the church in their estate plans?

How would purposeful gift planning benefit our members?



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