

Time for a Checkup?

We all know the importance of regular checkups and preventative medicine to remain healthy. Estate plans also require checkups and adjustments to remain viable and healthy. If it has been more than a few years since your attorney has reviewed your will, living trust or other estate plan, it may be time to schedule an appointment.

Life changing events can impact your estate plans. Marriage, divorce, the death of a spouse, child or loved one, the birth of a grandchild or other addition to your life can change the intent or effectiveness of your estate plan. That is why it is important to remember to include a visit to your lawyer when major changes occur in your life. It is also a good time to remember your Church in your will or estate plan.

We turn to our church for solace when we lose a loved one. We celebrate the birth of a child or blessed union of two people in our church. Nearly all the important events in our lives become a part of our church worship and experience. Isn't it appropriate to make the church a part of the legacy you leave after your life? Consider including a portion of your estate for the [_____ Presbyterian Church endowment fund]. It not only benefits your church, it is also a definitive act of communal stewardship, which will shine a light for others to follow.

So plan a checkup with your legal advisor and be sure to remember all the blessings you have enjoyed in your life. Remember your church when you plan. Keep in mind; there are many giving options and trained professionals to help you with estate planning and charitable giving. Information about including a bequest to your church endowment is available through _____ in the church office () _____, or talk to your Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations officer [insert name and phone number].