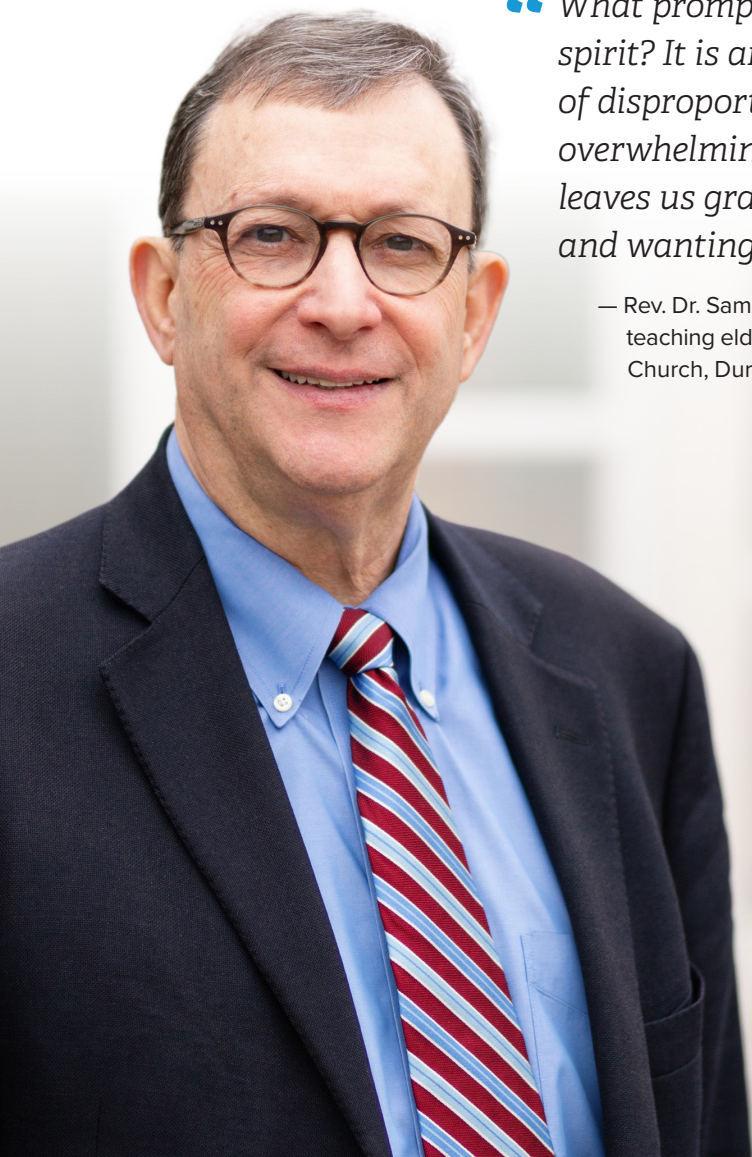


# Leave a Legacy



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Church, Durham, N.C.

# Your church matters.

Faith has always played an important role in Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese's life. He spent most of his life as a Catholic priest, but decided to become Presbyterian and became a Teaching Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Durham, N.C.

The church was warm and welcoming, valuing community involvement and commitment to Christ. Making the church a priority in his family's estate plan seemed natural. "I've always asked the question at various levels of my ministry: what prompts a generous spirit?" Sam says. "It is an experience of disproportion, a sense of overwhelming grace that leaves us grateful, indebted and wanting to respond."

Beyond leaving a gift to the church in their estate plan, Sam and his wife, Sheila, have become advocates in the church for creating a legacy society that calls other committed members to remember the church in their plans. "I don't think people realize the many options they have to support their church into the future," Sam says. "We need to step up, realize the significance of planning and encourage folks to include a gift for the church in their estate so that we can be part of a future that we know not but is in God's good hands."

**Please consider making a gift to your church that tells the story of your hope in Christ.**

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