

Pathways to maximize your Kingdom gift

Give onsite: Pick up a Lighthouse Project Partnership Card and envelope in the Lobby. Make checks payable to *Eastridge Church* with “The Lighthouse Project” in the memo line. Place the envelope in the giving box or offering plate.

Give online: Visit eastridgechurch.org, click the *Giving* tab, select *The Lighthouse Project*, and follow the prompts.

Donate stock: Transfer appreciated stock directly to Eastridge to avoid capital gains tax and deduct the full market value at the time of your gift. On our website, there is detailed information on how to donate appreciated stock. Spreading the gift of appreciated stock over two tax years provides donors multiple tax planning opportunities depending on their personal tax situation.

Open a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF): To give through your donor-advised fund, contact Steve Brown (503-703-0015, Stevebrownonwheels@gmail.com), Randy Walruff (503-407-3986, randy@eastridgechurch.org) or consult your financial advisor. A DAF allows you to make your gift this year and then recommend grants later, when the time is right. Simply contribute to an independent financial management firm, which holds the funds and distributes them to Eastridge according to your instructions. You receive the tax benefit in the year you make the actual contribution. This tool can be an effective way to manage your missional giving and optimize tax planning.

Use your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) and Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD's): If you are 73 or older, you can direct your RMDs from an IRA or retirement account to Eastridge, without counting it as income. If you are 70 ½ or older, you can direct your Charitable Qualified Distributions (QCD) to Eastridge. An IRA RMD or a QCD can offer significant tax benefits. The amount a person can give from the account, tax free, for 2026, is \$115,000. For a couple, that number is double if the other spouse has their own account with the funds available. RMD's and QCD's are a popular and tax-savvy way to give. Consult your tax preparer for details.

Include Eastridge in your estate plan:

You can include this codicil in your will:

I, (name), of (city, state, zip), give, devise, and bequeath to Eastridge Church, Clackamas, Oregon, (percent or amount) of my estate for its unrestricted use and purpose.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and partnership in the mission of Eastridge Church. Your gifts help create spaces where people encounter Jesus, faith is strengthened, and lives are transformed. As we move forward together in the Lighthouse Project, we are trusting God to use our collective generosity to shine His light brightly in our community.