Generosity & Endowment Committee
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WHAT'S THE LITTLE PIN ALL ABOUT?

You may have noticed a little pin being worn by some at RLC. What's it all about? The pin symbolizes membership in the **Presence of Christ Legacy Circle**. The pin is small but signals a large helping of faith in our future by those at RLC who have 1) donated to RLC's endowment fund or 2) have made a planned estate gift to the church. Such actions are statements of faithful generosity and hope. Donations of any amount to the endowment are welcome and results in an invitation to join the Legacy Circle, as do notifications to the church of an estate plan gift.

WHY CREATE A LEGACY CIRCLE?

The Circle is intended to encourage faithful gifts for the future and to acknowledge those who choose to make such gifts. The key word is **legacy**: current members of RLC can truly help perpetuate ministry here in 15, 20, or 30 years into the future by setting aside funds in an endowment that can be called on by our pastors and/or church councils in later generations at RLC to fortify mission. Or members can create estate plans that support their church when they pass and become our revered saints.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

We do know the love of God. We do know of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We do know that we need to consistently show up again and again if we are to be the "presence of Christ."

But we don't know what ministries will emerge or what mission expansion will be required if RLC is to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus and the "Presence of Christ" in 20 or 30 years. We don't know what compelling ministry opportunities are over the horizon. We don't know if the financial capacity of RLC in future years will be able to cover the demands of ministry. We don't know what future emergencies could affect RLC. We don't know what God has planned for His faithful servants people who worship, learn, and serve at.

On the dusty trails of Galilee going from village to village, Jesus didn't always know what challenges were coming over the hill. But he was ready. Same for us. It just makes sense for RLC to be ready to respond to future opportunities and challenges!

HOW THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST LEGACY CIRCLE WORKS

When endowment gifts are received or estate plans are made known to the church, donors will be invited to join the Legacy Circle. Gifts of any amount are welcome; gifts are confidential. In addition, donors may choose to remain anonymous (membership is optional), but the Generosity and Endowment Committee, the pastors, and the church council hope and anticipate that the Circle will grow as RLC people choose to envision and support a promising future. Over time, Legacy Circle members will get invitations to events and receive periodic reports.

Questions? Ask any member of the Generosity and Endowment Committee: Craig Barker, chair; Dave Amble, Bob Asbell, Pam Brandt, Barry Robinson, Richard Thompson, or get printed information in the church office.