

SAMPLE: YEAR-END GIVING ARTICLE

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Some people find that at the end of the year, they would like to give a special gift to the mission of the church. For some it is a celebration of having ...well... lived another great year! For others there was a year-end bonus to share, and for still others it simply makes sense to give a little extra money away simply because they can—and enjoy doing so. And for some, using a planned giving tool such as a charitable remainder trust makes it possible to make a large gift while also benefiting from the tax and living advantages of various planned gift mechanisms.

The church gratefully receives year-end gifts including stock and payment beyond *YEAR* completed pledges. Some whose income is based on annual sales have been conservative about their *YEAR* pledge and were waiting to make a year-end gift when they had a better picture of their financial situation. We have had to significantly tighten the belts of the budget this year and it is our hope that \$200,000 in various additional gifts and special contributions will assist the mission and ministry of the church.

If you have money you would like to give to more fully fund the mission and ministry of the church at the year-end (before December 31, *YEAR*), or if you would like to honor a loved one, celebrate an event or give thanks for a blessing, please contact the rector.