Planning Your Legacy

The choice of an appropriate planned gift vehicle usually provides significant tax advantages to the donor. There are many ways of giving:

▶ A Gift in Life – a gift in cash, securities, or other assets, such as tangible objects of value or real estate.

▶ A Bequest – provides for loved ones, the Church, and institutions such as AAM that you value through a provision in your will.

▶ Life Insurance – allows a large gift at a small cost by giving a new or existing policy or by designating the AAM Endowment Fund as beneficiary.

▶ Retirement Plan Assets – by donating the residual funds in your IRA, Keough, 403(b) and/or 401(k) retirement plan(s), you can minimize or avoid income and estate taxes while making a significant gift to the AAM Endowment.

For more information, please visit www.anglicanmusicians.org/founders

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The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that it is our duty as Christians to have a will to provide for the well-being of our families, our Church, and other charitable organizations (BCP, page 445).

Careful estate planning will convey your final wishes for the distribution of your assets.

Please take this opportunity to plan for a cause close to your heart, the Endowment Fund of the Association of Anglican Musicians and help safeguard the future of the tradition that we all hold so dear.
The Association of Anglican Musicians Founders’ Society was officially established by the Board to honor the work and legacy of AAM’s three founding members and first three presidents, Dr. James Litton, Dr. Raymond Glover, and Dr. Gerre Hancock and is tasked with growing AAM’s endowed funds. It was launched at the Boston Conference in July 2019.

Your gifts will enable us to:

▶ Continue To Award Grants by providing financial assistance for projects or programs that support the mission of AAM. Since its inception, over $93,000 has been awarded. Applications are considered by the Endowment Committee and approved by the Board. Projects that have been supported include AAM’s Conflict and Closure pamphlet, Catalogue of Anthems and Motets, Musicians Called to Serve, funding to Conference committees for commissioning new music, American Sarum, funding for AAM’s presence at General Conventions, the Millennium Survey, A Concise History of the Association of Anglican Musicians, and a new after school choir program at Church of the Holy Apostles, Wynnewood, PA.

▶ Continue Supporting The Hancock Internship by partially funding a ten-month intense mentoring, hosted by one of the country’s established music programs. Past Internships have been hosted by Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, SC, Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, and Saint James Cathedral in Chicago.

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“My time as Hancock Fellow at Trinity Church opened my eyes to new possibilities for excellence in sacred music. The success of our chorister program would not have been possible without AAM’s generous investment in my career and the continued support of my mentors and peers within the organization.”

– Adam Detzner

The Founders’ Society supports AAM’s Endowment Fund, established to receive, invest, and administer bequests and charitable gifts to the Association. It is managed by Goelzer Investment of Indianapolis, with oversight and advice from AAM’s Investment Committee on behalf of the Board, and currently stands at over $1,000,000 (as of June 2019). Since it began disbursing funds in 1992, over $150,000 has been awarded. The Endowment deals in Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance investing (ESG) securities, as befits a church-based organization such as AAM.

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