

Legacies



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Gift planning ideas for members and friends of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois & Wisconsin

Thanks be to God for Bob Deck

Faithful Steward of the Church

Affectionately, we often called him “Missionary Bob.” It seemed he was always traveling somewhere in the world to visit or going somewhere in the community/Region to help someone. Bob Deck was a wonderful, generous human being. I miss him, but his legacy clearly lives on.

Vocationally, Bob was a pharmacist. He took over his father’s business in Girard and devoted his life to that practice. His brother Bill later joined him in maintaining the store in this small, central Illinois community until their retirement. They also had an antiques store together. Even more interestingly, they used one of their buildings as a Route 66 museum and to showcase the evolution of the pharmacy over its many decades. It’s an interesting place to visit! Bob and Bill loved their Macoupin County community and were honored to be the parade Grand Marshals for its Sesquicentennial celebrations in 2005.

Bob split his “church” time between three CCIW congregations – Girard, nearby Virden, and most especially at Parkway Christian Church in Springfield where he had many friends, particularly former CCIW Moderator Chalmer Moore, and their “Sunday Lunch Group.” I primarily came to know him best through his nine years of service on the CCIW Ministry Committee. One could easily say Bob was a quiet and reflective person, as he didn’t talk a lot in meetings, but he was also very wise in his contributions. And, he was very kind and generous with ministerial candidates. He always made it a point to offer each of them a personal word of encouragement after a meeting; and later, often sent written notes.

I remember well the time we were riding together in my car and an ol’ saying paid off well – “*God gave us two ears and one mouth, so we supposed to listen twice as much as we talk.*” Bob happened to be sharing his frustrations about the NBA bankruptcy and the sale of the Barton W. Stone Home, which had a special place in his heart. If I remember correctly, his parents at one time were residents there. At any rate, he made the statement he was now going to need to change his Will and he didn’t quite know what to do. I responded, “Estate planning is important because it is generally the largest financial gift we ever make – if not to our places of choice and meaning, then certainly to the government. In my experience, one of the most helpful units the denomination has is the Christian Church Foundation.” I told him, “We are hosting a clergy seminar with them in a couple of months – would you like to attend and I can introduce you to them?” He wanted to think about it and later said he did want to go. He did, I made the introductions, and my work was done. The Foundation followed through – as they always so competently do.

Almost every time we saw one another after that, he thanked me for helping him. The Foundation staff had given him important tax-saving information and many planned giving options he never knew he had, which enabled his generosity to extend even further than he ever imagined. Bob later told me he had set up several permanent funds to benefit causes and church units which had meant so much to him. He truly knew he was now going to be able to make a difference forever. After his recent death, that reality is now coming to light including his continuing financial support for the Region’s work in ministerial care, oversight, and continuing education. I know his congregation benefitted significantly. Bob’s “missionary work” lives on!!

Thanks be to God for Bob Deck, faithful Christian stewards, and the Christian Church Foundation.

Dr. Herb Knudsen
CCIW Regional Minister and President (1998-2007)

To Remember and Give Thanks

All Saints Fund Provides Unique Opportunity

Sometimes, we forget how important our legacies of memory are to the people we will someday leave behind. Fortunately, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin offers the opportunity to memorialize God's faithful people, and significant events in the life of the Church through the All Saints Fund.

Just like a congregation's memorial fund, the All Saints Fund provides the means whereby a loved one, living among the saints above or here among the saints below, may be honored with a minimum gift of just \$100.

Once the "Name of Honor" has been established in the All Saints Fund, contributions in any amount will be gladly received. The honored saint will be noted in the permanent record of the church, along with the donor's name (if not anonymous). The funds are immediately forwarded to



the Christian Church Foundation, where they are managed in a way to sustain an ongoing support of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin Region and all of its ministries.

This fund, now honors 3 of the "saints victorious" Rev. Dr. Albert Dulyea-Parker, Betty Griffith and Edith Young. It is possible to remember living members or birthdays, anniversaries, and significant accomplishments, as well as quiet lives of faithfulness.

Perhaps you can think of someone in your own life whose name you wish to make known to the whole Church through this growing tribute. Please contact the Rev. Woolridge scott@cciwdisciples.org or Rev. Dr. Dulyea-Parker teresa@cciwdisciples.org or 309-828-6293 for more information. You may also complete a "For More Information" form on page 3.

Scriptures tell us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). Every day Disciples are praying to discern God's will for their lives. What does the Lord require of us?

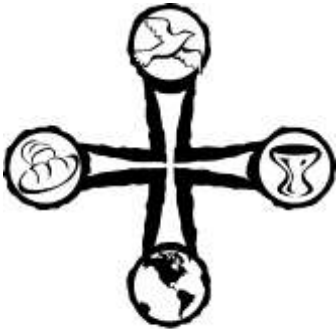
One idea to consider is to create a legacy with your family finances that will continue ministry beyond your lifetime. You can establish a permanent fund during lifetime and create signed documents that provide for additions at the time of death.

What ministries do you love? You decide what ministries will receive an annual distribution from your permanent fund each year for all perpetuity.

Once you have considered the ministries that you would like to benefit with a legacy gift, consult your professional advisors and a Christian Church Foundation representative for ideas on how choosing certain assets (especially tax-burdened assets like IRAs or 401(k)s) can increase the overall value of your estate. Changes to your plan can often be accomplished with simple beneficiary designation form changes, without the expense of revising the will or trust documents already in place.

Permanent funds, such as those held in trust by the Christian Church Foundation, support the ministries of the donor's choosing. We hope you would consider a legacy gift that would support the Christian Church Illinois and Wisconsin and your local congregation in your plans.

To learn more about permanent funds through the Christian Church Foundation, call Rev. Dr. Darwin Collins, Zone Vice President, at (800) 668-8016, or complete the form at right.



Thank you to CCIW Donors to the All Saints and Annual Funds for 2014.

Memorial gifts to the All Saints Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois & Wisconsin have been given to honor the life of:

Rev. Dr. Albert Dulyea-Parker
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___ **I would like the Christian Church Foundation** to contact me.

___ **I would like to establish a Name(s) of Honor within the All Saints Fund of the Region (\$100 minimum), in memory of:**

___ **I would like to contribute to the All Saints Fund memorial for an existing Name of Honor:**

in the amount of \$ _____.

___ **Please send information** on establishing a **Charitable Gift Annuity** with the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin.



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