



THE CHARLES
SIMEON
TRUST



GIFT AND ESTATE PLANNING



Dear Friends,

Since our founding in 2001, generous individuals have helped the Charles Simeon Trust to promote the growth of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world by training up the next generation of Biblical expositors. Most of the gifts funding the work have been cash gifts. But did you know that we're able to accept a variety of more complex non-cash gifts?

Over our twenty-year history, the Trust has developed a solid, sustainable financial model. From a ministry perspective, our work has grown, and there is strong demand across the country and around the world for more. We're confident God has much on the horizon for us.

As you look through this brochure, please prayerfully consider how you might help anchor the future work of God through the Trust. When you use planned giving tools strategically, you can diversify investment portfolios and reduce tax liability while helping fill pulpits around the world with faithful, clear preaching.

If you're interested in learning more or having a conversation, please reach out to me. I'd love to talk.

In Christ,

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CRAFT A LEGACY THAT REFLECTS YOUR CONVICTIONS



Our giving partners share our passion for our mission: to promote the growth of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world by training up the next generation of Biblical expositors. When pastors, church planters, and ministry leaders have the skills to proclaim God’s Word clearly, then churches grow in health and maturity. And more people are reached with the good news.

GOSPEL CONVICTIONS

- Our giving partners share our gospel convictions.
- Faithful biblical preaching matters. God’s Word is how he works in the world—especially through the faithful proclamation of his Word.
 - The health of the Church depends on the proclamation of God’s Word. It depends on the proclamation of preachers and teachers who believe the Bible to be the very Word of God.
 - The gospel is central. Every text in the Bible points to Jesus Christ (Luke 24:27), so we equip people to uncover those gospel connections and to proclaim them. Participants around the world affirm: God’s Word translates cross-culturally and this training helps them share the gospel more effectively.

reached. We trust that the Holy Spirit is working in the lives of congregants across the country and around the world as they sit under more faithful and clear preaching and Bible teaching.

Training leaders is a sustainable way to support the global mission of the church. About half the pastors and Bible teachers we serve each year are outside the US and Canada—some in difficult to access nations. And we go beyond equipping pastors for their local ministries by training some pastors to become instructors at Workshops and in Online Courses. In addition to lowering costs and being sustainable, this empowers local leaders and broadens their ministry platforms.

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- MATT HUSTAD
VP of Finance and Operations
Milwaukee Rescue Mission



VALUE STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Our giving partners appreciate strategic, sustainable ministry. Training leaders creates a ripple effect. On average, over the past two decades, for every pastor or Bible teacher equipped, 122 congregants have been

ENERGIZE THE FUTURE OF WORD MINISTRY

Planned gifts, whether given during a donor’s life or at death, can make a significant difference for this Word ministry. As you consider the various vehicles available, we’re wondering, could you help energize the future of Word ministry with a planned gift?

PLANNED GIFT VEHICLES

Planned gifts take planning to give! These philanthropic tools can help you maximize your resources by giving appreciated assets.

- appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds)
- bequest in a will or revocable living trust
- charitable gift annuity
- charitable lead trust
- charitable remainder trust
- IRA charitable distribution
- real estate
- and more

Our team is happy to work with you, or in collaboration with your trusted advisor, to ensure your charitable desires. In some complex instances, we facilitate gifts in collaboration with the National Christian Foundation, drawing on years of gift planning experience.



REMEMBER US IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

The idea of helping a Christian organization with a gift that could make a significant difference appealed to David and Straw Hidaka. Their philanthropic story begins with David's faith story. David did not come from a church background, but at age 40 he was given a pocket New Testament by a coworker. Convicted by Scripture, he came to saving faith in Jesus Christ. So David knows first-hand the power of God's Word in salvation. From then, he hit the ground running and never looked back. Studying God's Word seriously is his passion—and he has shared that passion by teaching adult Sunday school for 26 years at Country Acres Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas. At the same time, Straw ran a longstanding evangelistic street ministry for vulnerable women and their children.

David and Straw believe that many churches neglect to "preach the Word . . . in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2). And so, they have come to appreciate sound biblical preachers. They recognize the urgent need for more in quantity and, especially, quality. When they

asked their pastor, Dr. Kelly Randolph, how they could use their resources to promote faithful preaching, they received an important answer: the Charles Simeon Trust.

Generosity is important to them. "I was a stockbroker for many years," said David. "My mentor, who was also a client, taught me a valuable lesson. Vic would donate stocks to various Christian organizations. Even though Vic was not a really wealthy person, his donations were sometimes in the six-figure range. I was somewhat set back over his generosity. But God increased Vic's stock account again and again, all so he could give away more. He taught me 2 Corinthians 9 without speaking a word," David continued. "Vic went to heaven at age 94. God presented me the best in a mentor. Vic always had the faith that I wish I had."

The Hidakas are regular giving partners, and they have also included the Charles Simeon Trust in their estate plans. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining them by remembering us as you plan your estate.



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