

Jesus once said:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

The mission statement of the South Carlina Lutheran Retreat Centers (SCLRC) is "providing holy spaces for God to change lives".

And what does SCLRC do every time a group comes to visit Camp Kinard (Batesburg-Leesville, SC) or Coastal Retreat (Isle of Palms, SC)? We prepare their rooms! Physically, we help prepare rooms, vacuuming, cleaning toilets, dusting, making beds. We make available space for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of our guests while on holy ground.

A legacy society does similar work. The Many Rooms Planned Giving Society is for those who have left South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers as a beneficiary in their estate plans.

Some ways to do that may include leaving SCLRC a percentage of your estate in your will. It may be designating SCLRC as the beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy. It could include leaving property such as land, vehicles, or boats to SCLRC. It might be the transfer of stock.

A legacy can be defined as something that was handed down from the past and leaves a

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stamp on the future.

Many of us have received much from others who prepared rooms for us, and in turn, may desire to make preparations for generations to come. Consider creating a legacy gift for the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers today!

In this inaugural season of introducing the Many Rooms Planned Giving Society, we are looking for a few good-hearted folks who are willing to lead by example. Could this be you?

We would love to publicly introduce this initiative with a "Join Me…" approach. Are willing to let your light so shine in this way that others may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven? Consider allowing us to list your name as founding members or appearing as anonymous.

These faithful supporters have already shared their intention to make a planned gift to SCLRC:

Rev. James & Celie Addy Ron & Catherine Boozer Trudy & Perry Bouknight Wade & Rev. Mary Finklea Mike & Rita Hartzog Porter & Memi Kinard Evelyn Ricard Bobby & Deacon Dallas Shealy Edwina Wicker

Please contact Rev. Mary Finklea, SCLRC's Community & Congregation Engagement Coordinator, at <u>mary@sclrc.com</u> or (803) 532-3183 with any questions, comments, or concerns. We would like to know your intentions so that it may be included in the materials and we can thank you appropriately. You never know how you may be a spark that inspires the generosity of others!

You may also consider contacting the ELCA's Region 9 Gift Planner for assistance. SCLRC helps to fund this position in order to provide supporters with a knowledgeable, helpful and trust-worthy resource. Email Stephanie Burke at <u>Stephanie.Burke@elca.org</u> for more information about setting up a free, confidential conversation.

We are very excited about connecting thoughtful, generous people like you with this giving opportunity! Together we can leave a legacy that supports outdoor ministry for years to come.

Campers of the future are grateful for you ensuring there will be a place for them! Thank you!