

September 2026 Bulletin Sentences

September 6, 2026

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. The original thoughts for your plan should come from you. God has made you stewards of His gifts, so it isn't appropriate that the main goals come from someone else. But once those goals are identified, you need to refine those goals, so they are clear and achievable. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help with this clarification process. Contact...

September 13, 2026

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. Sometimes in a marriage, one or the other spouse may have a dominance over investments and other financial decisions, just based on preference, skills or habits throughout life. However, in the estate planning process, it is essential that the thoughts of both spouses be represented well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate these mutually sharing conversations. Contact...

September 20, 2026

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. When it comes to estates, many are very motivated by privacy concerns. These privacy concerns can sometimes isolate the individual from others who can offer vital help and support. It is essential to connect with others you trust, and especially those who share faith in Jesus Christ with you. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is ready to help. Contact...

September 27, 2026

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. When it comes to estates, few of us know all the answers. We need to have conversations with others who will ask us questions that spur good thinking. We need to work with experts who have experience in gift planning, to ensure all the bases are covered in the plan. To begin identifying where you have need to ask for help, reach out to your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Contact...

September 2026 Newsletter Article

Jerry said to his friend Paul, “I just came from the doctor. I don’t like conversations at the doctor’s office. I get so tongue tied. I forget about what I wanted to ask the doctor. I’m trying to think about what certain words mean and before I know it, I’m being ushered out of the office without talking about everything I needed to discuss.”

Paul replied, “I know what you are talking about. It’s the same reason that I have not been getting my estate plan updated. When I get around legal people, I hear words like codicils, per stirpes and in vivo. I get so stressed about keeping it all straight that I put it all off for another year.”

Legal terms and carefully crafted documents all have very important purposes in our estate plans. Sometimes, the difference between a contested estate and non-contested estate may come down to the proper use of these words. In truth, that may be stressful for you. That’s why it is important to start talking about your goals, thinking and praying, before facing that stress head on. That is where working collaboratively with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Your counselor is a fellow believer who wants to stand alongside you, to assist and encourage you in expressing your wishes clearly. Once that is achieved, the counselor will assist in sharing that with your attorney so you can be confident that all your desires are known. In the process, you can gain a new friend, sharing life in Jesus. To get started, contact...