

How Can We Make the Most of a New Year?

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Have you ever felt pressure around New Year's resolutions? I certainly have. Not just in keeping them throughout the year, but in choosing which ones to make in the first place. What things in my life or in the world do I most want to improve or change or impact? Where should I focus my time and energy? The list seems long when you consider all of that. That is where I have felt stressed in the past. Which things are most important to focus on? What can I do throughout this year that will have the most impact? What is realistic and doable?

As Christian women we know that we can accomplish more than we ever imagined with the strength we get from our faith. And as United Women in Faith working together, we do accomplish a great deal. But when we are setting goals of any kind, our human tendency to fear failure creeps into our thoughts. It may cause us to back away from things that we really should stretch our limits and work to achieve.


We need to remind ourselves at this time of year, as we are setting goals, that our boldness as United Women in Faith is lim-

itless because it is fueled by God and our love for missions. We can and do impact racial and climate justice issues. We can and do impact poverty, homelessness, health care, international female empowerment, education, and much, much more. We do so through our mission work and our continued generous giving.

I believe that one of the most impactful ways that I can give to support our work is as an 1869 Society member. That means I have made a planned gift by naming The Legacy Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in my life insurance policy. Although not a large amount, it will have an impact because it will continue to grow and multiply as part of the permanently invested endowment. That is the kind of legacy I want to leave—one that will make an impact for generations to come.

I hope you will join me and the many other members, board, and staff of our organization who have made a planned gift and become a member of the 1869 Society. There are many different options to make a planned gift and our newly designed web pages can walk you through them. There are helpful videos on a variety of financial topics, personal financial calculators, bequest language examples, and much more

available on these web pages. You can even request a personalized Estate Planning Guide and other resources. You can also call and speak to one of our development officers who are eager to help you.

Make this the year you match your legacy of putting your faith in action to the Legacy of United Women in Faith. It will make a lasting impact! 

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Together, we are building our legacy!