

Wilson Bequest Tithe – Request for Proposal

Summary and Background

Mary Buckingham Wilson, MD

Mary was born in November 26, 1946, the daughter of the late Dr. James Mazyck Wilson and Mary Scoggin Wilson. She grew up in Charleston and attended the Charleston Day School and Ashley Hall School. Although she lived with her parents on Legare Street for a time, her primary residence here in Charleston was 4 South Battery, later known as the Villa Margherita. She also attended Chatham Hall in Virginia and received a B.A. degree from Smith College in 1969.

Mary B. then entered the fine arts world. She studied in the Winterthur Program and obtained a Masters degree in Early American Culture in 1972. She then worked on her PhD at the University of Delaware in Art History. She spent a year in England, 1975, in the Attingham Parks Program studying English country houses. Finally she spent five to seven years in the Philadelphia area, working in the American decorative arts field.

The third phase of her life was in medicine. She attended MUSC, here in Charleston and got her MD degree in 1985. A residency in Pathology was next, also at MUSC, and then she did a year at Sloane Kettering in New York, in Oncologic Pathology, 1991 - 1992. Finally she joined the Pathology Department here at MUSC and was in charge of the Cytology section until 1999. Her father, a long-time Charleston OB-GYN, would have been proud of her medical career.

The last eight to ten years were probably the most fulfilling time of her life. Grace Episcopal Church became her real home where she flourished in so many ways. She was a major worker at Grace, helping in the kitchen as a Gracious Gourmet, loving the children's vacation Bible school, serving currently on the Vestry, just being present all the time. She also was a volunteer at the Crisis Ministry Center and at the Charleston County Library.*

The Wardens and Vestrymen of Old St. Andrews Parish Church (“Vestry”) is seeking proposals for guidance in disbursement of funds (\$126,500) established as a tithe from the final distributions of funds from the estate of Mary B. Wilson, MD to Old St. Andrew’s Parish Church (“OSA” or “the church”).**

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In a demonstration of transparency that exemplifies the Vestry's commitment to the biblical obligation of tithing, as well as an effort to encourage the formation of relationships external to the church, the Vestry looks to organized groups within the church to recommend outside organizations to receive a gift from the Vestry.

In seeking direction from members to identify recipient organizations, the Vestry wishes to share with the parish the tremendous gift of giving in celebration of the life of Mary B. Wilson.

Proposal Guidelines

This Request for Proposal represents the requirements for an open process. Two submissions will be required: (1) an Identification of Interest form and (2) a proposal.

All organized and recognized groups with an identified leader (with exclusion of the following committees: Vestry, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Graveyard, In-reach, Music & Worship, Christian Faith Formation, Community Ministries, and Parish Life) at OSA are eligible to self-identify interest in participating in this RFP. Such groups may include, but are not limited to: Seniors, Church Women, Youth Group, Men's Group, etc.). Submission of the attached form must be signed and submitted to the church office by 5pm on March 5th, 2017 to be considered eligible to participate in submitting a proposal.

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry in March, the committee will review each form submitted stating interest in participating in the RFP and will determine eligible groups. Each group will be notified by the Vestry by April 1, 2017 of their eligibility to participate in the RFP.

Each group deemed eligible by the Vestry must submit their proposal using the attached form to the church office by 5pm on June 1, 2017. A successful proposal will identify a 501(c)(3) organization that was democratically selected by the submitting group. Required will be a plan for involvement with the group. Involvement may include, but is not limited to: volunteering, organizing a drive, participating in a fundraiser, etc.

Once submitted, the Vestry maintains the right to request a resubmission of a proposal based on the recipient organization identified. If the Vestry deems that the proposed recipient organizations ideals, mission, etc. are in conflict with the beliefs, ideals, etc. of the church, a resubmission or declination of the request may take place. If the proposed plan for participation with the proposed recipient organization, the Vestry reserves the right to request a resubmission or decline the proposal.

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At the regular August meeting of the Vestry, the committee will hold a final review of each proposal. All organizations approved to receive funds from the tithe will receive an equal share of \$126,500, not to exceed \$15,000 per approved proposal. The Vestry will announce in September 2017 the recipient organizations of the tithe and will disburse the funds.

It is an expectation of the leader of each group, successfully submitting a proposal in which the organization is selected to receive a gift from the church, to submit a report detailing how their group has become involved with the recipient organization.

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Group Identification of Interest

Due Date: March 5, 2017, 5pm

Group Name:

Group Leader:

Please describe the mission and purpose of your group:

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Identification of Organization and Plan for Involvement

Due Date: June 1, 2017, 5pm

Group Name:

Non-profit organization identified to receive a gift from the Wilson Bequest Fund:

Please describe how your group intends to become involved with this organization. Involvement may include, but is not limited to: volunteerism, fundraising, organizing drives (food, clothing, etc.).

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