



LAND  
STEWARDSHIP  
PROJECT

## Membership Update

### Unique Ways You Can Support LSP

By Josh Journey-Heinz

The Land Stewardship Project's work for the land and our communities is fueled by the people power that our members and allies provide. Your participation in workshops, field days, and organizing meetings is part of this support, as well as the various ways you make your voices heard on the local, regional, and national level.

And part of the support that makes LSP's work possible comes via financial donations. That comes in the form of membership dues, of course. But there are numerous other ways to support LSP financially. Here are just a few examples:

#### Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

If you have been able to contribute to a tax-deferred 401(k) or IRA, income tax is due on that money when you take withdrawals in retirement. Annual withdrawals from these retirement accounts are typically required after age 70½, and the penalty for skipping a required minimum distribution is 50% of the amount that should have been withdrawn. Why not avoid that penalty by donating that money directly to LSP? If you are over 70½ and have an IRA that requires a minimum distribution, ask your IRA broker or tax planner how your retirement account can be used to help grow LSP's work and reduce your tax bill.

#### Stimulus Checks

The America Rescue Plan saw stimulus checks issued to millions of Americans recently. For those who do not require this payment for day-to-day living expenses and are interested in investing in a more just and sustainable future, consider donating some or (if able) all of your stimulus disbursement to help make LSP's mission possible. Contributions to LSP are 100% tax deductible and would be put to good use.

#### Include LSP in Planned Giving

LSP has been making a positive impact for nearly 40 years, and many want to see the organization flourish for another four decades. To ensure that LSP thrives in perpetuity, we hope you'll consider making a planned gift to us. The most common planned gifts are made through wills or trusts, but many choose to make legacy gifts to LSP through retirement accounts, pension plans, life insurance, charitable trusts, securities, gift annuities, and even gifts of real estate. LSP is set up to accept any of these types of gifts and it simply requires that you contact and direct those in charge of your finances to include a bequest to LSP. Our Individual Giving Program has resources to aid in this process. These planned gifts may take a bit of legwork and planning, but the impact on LSP in the long-term is massive.

#### Questions?

If you have any questions about ways to financially support the Land Stewardship

#### Membership Questions?

If you have questions about your Land Stewardship Project membership, contact LSP's membership coordinator, Clara Sanders Marcus, at 612-722-6377 or [cmarcus@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:cmarcus@landstewardshipproject.org). To renew, mail in the envelope included in this *Land Stewardship Letter*, or see [www.landstewardshipproject.org/home/donate](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/home/donate).

#### Has Your Address Changed?

Has your address recently changed, or do you anticipate moving in the next few months? Take a moment to update your address with the Land Stewardship Project so that you can continue receiving the *Land Stewardship Letter*, event invitations, and other updates. To update your address, see [www.landstewardshipproject.org/addressupdate](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/addressupdate). Make sure you use the same e-mail address you have on file with LSP to ensure your data updates correctly.

#### Volunteer for LSP

The Land Stewardship Project literally could not fulfill its mission without the hard work of our volunteers. Volunteers help us do everything from stuff envelopes and make telephone calls to enter data and set up logistics for meetings. Remote opportunities are available.

If you'd like to volunteer in one of our offices, call 612-722-6377 or fill out the form at [www.landstewardshipproject.org/about/opportunities](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/about/opportunities).

Project, contact me at [jjourney-heinz@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:jjourney-heinz@landstewardshipproject.org) or 612-722-6377. Thanks for all your support! ☐

*Josh Journey-Heinz is the Land Stewardship Project's major gifts officer.*

### Go Public With Your LSP Support

There are numerous fun ways you can show your support for the Land Stewardship Project. LSP has available for purchase t-shirts (\$20), window decals (\$3), tote bags (\$15) and, marking the return of a classic, "Let's Stop Treating Our Soil Like Dirt" bumper stickers (\$3). Our latest addition to the LSP store is an 8 x 10 metal barn sign (\$20). All of these items can be ordered from our online store at [www.landstewardshipproject.org/store](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/store) or by calling 612-722-6377.



T-shirt



Window Decal



Tote Bag



Metal Barn Sign



Bumper Sticker

## Support LSP in Your Workplace

The Land Stewardship Project is a proud member of the Minnesota Environmental Fund, which is a coalition of environmental organizations in Minnesota that offers workplace giving as an option in making our communities better places to live. Together, member organizations of the Minnesota Environmental Fund work to:

- promote the sustainability of our rural communities and family farms;
- protect Minnesotans from health hazards;
- educate citizens and our youth on conservation efforts;
- preserve wilderness areas, parks, wetlands, and wildlife habitat.



You can support LSP in your workplace by giving through the Minnesota Environmental Fund. Options include giving a designated amount through payroll deduction, or a single gift. You may also choose to give to the entire coalition or specify the organization of your choice within the coalition, such as the Land Stewardship Project.

If your employer does not provide this opportunity to give through the Minnesota Environmental Fund, ask the person in charge of workplace giving to include it. For details, contact LSP at 612-722-6377.

## In Memory & in Honor...

The Land Stewardship Project is grateful to have received the following gifts made to honor and remember loved ones and friends:

### *In Memory of Larry Jay Hempeck*

- ◆ Jean Hindson

### *In Honor of Mark Schultz*

- ◆ David M. Nocenti & Andrea Shapiro Davis

### *In Honor of Dana Jackson*

- ◆ Sue & Wendell Fletcher

### *In Memory of Dennis Johnson*

- ◆ Sandy & Doug Olson-Loy

### *In Memory of Joseph*

#### *Ian Marxhausen*

- ◆ Diane Knust

### *In Memory of Lawrence*

#### *Wendell Peterson*

- ◆ Diane Knust

### *In Memory of Allen Ostenso*

- ◆ Karen Ostenso

### *In Memory of Charles*

#### *Meredith Bend*

- ◆ William & Merodie Seykora

### *In Memory of Jo Ann Thomas*

- ◆ Paula Stephens
- ◆ Jane Redig
- ◆ John Williams
- ◆ Blandine M. Berthelot
- ◆ Mike & Jennifer Rupprecht
- ◆ Aimee Ebersold Schultz
- ◆ Dale Hadler
- ◆ Gregory Schmidt
- ◆ Susan & Mike Snater
- ◆ Diane & Michael Kennedy
- ◆ Daniel Olson & Nancy Baker
- ◆ Kay Shaw
- ◆ Jenel & Stephen Briggs
- ◆ Kathy & Robert Redig
- ◆ Gregory & Catherine Schmidt
- ◆ Karen Stettler & Ted Wilson
- ◆ Thomas Parlin & Mary Hansel Parlin
- ◆ Lynda Homess & John Carmody
- ◆ Joan Redig & Wayne Purtzer
- ◆ Karen Schneewind

### *In Memory of JoAnn Thomas & in Honor of Doug, Ellie & Sylvia*

- ◆ Bill & Beth Moe

### *In Honor of the Prairie Drifter Olsons: Joan, Nick, Abe & Freya*

- ◆ Peter & Sue Walby

### *In Memory of Elgin Schmidt*

- ◆ Sharon Schmidt

### *In Memory of Kenneth Matties*

- ◆ Diane O'Mara

### *In Memory of Joel Walsh*

- ◆ Ruth Kewitsch
- ◆ Diane Calabria
- ◆ Ken & Eileen Appel
- ◆ John & Marie Johnson
- ◆ Marlene Atkins
- ◆ Jeff Montgomery
- ◆ John Temple

### *In Memory of Louis Van Abnurg*

- ◆ Jasna Tomic

### *In Honor of Rupert Russell*

- ◆ Jennifer Russell

To donate to the Land Stewardship Project in the name of someone, contact Clara Sanders Marcus at 612-722-6377 or [cmarcus@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:cmarcus@landstewardshipproject.org). Donations can be made online at [www.landstewardshipproject.org/home/donate](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/home/donate).