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CHRISTIANS WELCOME POLITICAL 'LEGACY TITHE' SUPPORT

The UK's three main political parties have come out in support of the Legacy 10 campaign, which incentivises legacy charitable donations of 10%.

Christian Legacy, which is a consortium of Christian charities, welcome the change to inheritance tax law, due to take place from April 2012, which means that everyone who leaves 10% of their estate to charitable or cultural causes will be entitled to an inheritance tax cut, lowering their tax obligation from 40% to 36%. David Cameron, Nick Clegg and Ed Miliband have all shown support for the campaign, along with leaders from the business sector, the arts and charities.

'It's encouraging that Government leaders are helping us to consider leaving legacies that will bless others,' said Andrew McCracken, Tearfund's UK Director.

'I believe that everything I have is a gift from God, and I know that many people in the UK want to use some of what they have to bless others who are in need.'

Nia Short from Care for the Family adds: 'At this difficult economic time, Christians may feel unable to give but making a will is a way to ensure that the money God entrusts to you will provide for family and friends, and also support causes close to your hearts.'

In 2009, Christian Legacy carried out a survey which showed that only 17% of churches in the UK teach on legacy giving. Last year, a similar survey showed an increase to 22%, indicating that churches may be increasing their teaching on stewardship and encouraging members to consider the long-term value of their ministry and giving.

Christian Legacy have produced Tomorrow's Harvest, which is a free resource for churches to help leaders teach on legacies and the concept of living a life which has eternal value, both financially and in the way we care for others. Tomorrow's Harvest tells the story of Hattie May Wiatt, a child whose small legacy was the seed from which grew her church, two hospitals and a university, and is available to download at www.christianlegacy.org.uk

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For more information on the Legacy 10 Campaign visit www.legacy10.com

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