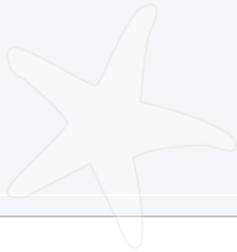


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of your generosity with the understanding that your gift to us on behalf of a United Methodist cause can make a difference. There are many ways in which you can make a gift to further their important work. The goal of this brochure is to explain some of the common ways for you to make gifts that help and provide you with valuable tax and income benefits. If after reading this information, you still have questions, please contact us. We will be happy to provide you with a personalized illustration of any of the gift options described and explain the benefits to you.



PLANNED GIFTS

The term planned gifts refers to specific strategies that benefit a charity at some point in the future while offering immediate benefits to you.

How Can We Help You?

I want to know more ways to increase my giving and save money for my family and myself.

- Please contact me with more information about planned giving options.
- I have already included a United Methodist cause in my will.
- I already make annual gifts and would like to learn how my giving can go further.

The best way to contact me is by.

- E-mail
- Mail
- Telephone

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(All inquiries are treated with complete confidentiality.)

This information is not intended as tax, legal, or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.



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An Overview of Giving Options

CURRENT GIFT

A current gift is a gift that you make today with immediate benefits.

There are several different ways for you to make a current gift.

CASH

A cash gift is usually the easiest and most convenient way to make a gift to a United Methodist cause. They are able to make use of your cash gift right away and you receive a valuable income tax charitable deduction to offset your taxes on this year's return.

SECURITIES

A gift of stocks or bonds may provide you with an even greater tax benefit. If you have owned securities for more than one year and the value has increased, you can avoid capital gains tax and receive a charitable income tax deduction equal to the fair market value of your gift to a United Methodist cause.

REAL ESTATE

A gift of your real estate that has been held for more than a year also has the advantage of providing you with a charitable tax deduction based on the current value of the property, as well as enabling you to avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your property.

The names and images shown here are representative of typical donors and may or may not be actual donors to the organization. Under federal rules your benefits may be different from this example. Please contact us for your specific benefits.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Selected artwork, books and antiques are examples of personal property that may also make nice gifts to a United Methodist cause. To ensure that your gift of personal property qualifies for a favorable charitable tax deduction, please contact us.

Gifts That Generate Income For You

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A charitable gift annuity is a great example of how a gift to us on behalf of your United Methodist church and/or ministry can generate income for you. You transfer your cash or property to us and we promise to make a fixed payment to you for life at a rate based on your age. In addition to the security of fixed income, you receive a charitable income tax deduction and a portion of each of your annuity payments may be tax free. The deferred payment gift annuity in which annuity payments are delayed for more than one year offers rates that make it an attractive supplement to your retirement income.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

The most versatile charitable giving tool, the charitable remainder trust (CRT), can help you avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your appreciated assets, generate regular increased income for you, provide you with a charitable income tax deduction and fulfill your philanthropic objectives.

Your CRT will be invested income to produce and take advantage of investment growth opportunities.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

Next to writing a check, perhaps the best known vehicle for philanthropy is the bequest. A bequest is a gift that is made through your will or trust and can establish your wishes today without relinquishing needed assets during your lifetime.

For more information on bequest giving options or to request our *FREE Guide to Planning Your Will and Trust*, please contact us. We can also refer you to a qualified estate planning attorney if you are looking for someone to draft your plan.

