GIFT PLANNING NEWSLETTER: Gift Annuity

Build a Tradition of Giving with Your Children and Grandchildren While You Support Your Favorite Ministries!

Through an LCMS Foundation gift annuity, you can receive regular, fixed payments for life, make a gift for future ministry and save on taxes.

HOW A GIFT ANNUITY WORKS FOR YOU AND MINISTRY

Here is one example of how a gift annuity can help: John, 80, and his wife Mary, 75, want a gift annuity to provide them with regular payments and a way to support their favorite LCMS ministry even after the Lord calls them home.

They establish their gift annuity by sending a $5,000 check to the LCMS Foundation. Based on their ages, they know they will receive a gift annuity rate of 5.3 percent. That means they will receive annual annuity payments of $265 per year for their lifetimes. Since a portion of the gift annuity is a charitable contribution, the couple also gets an additional $1,951 income tax deduction for the year they establish their gift annuity.

And, they enjoy even more tax savings. A little more than half of their annual $265 payment is tax free.

After John's death, Mary will continue to receive her regular payments. After her death, the remaining balance on the couple's gift annuity will go to their favorite ministry.

In general, annuity payments and the amount that eventually goes to the designated ministry are based on life expectancy. If the Lord calls John and Mary home at the age of their life expectancy, about half of the couple's original $5,000 goes to their designated ministry. If they die before their life expectancy age, a larger amount goes to the ministry. If they live beyond their life expectancy age, the ministry receives less.

Of course, this is only an example. The LCMS Foundation can give you a personal written analysis that shows the exact amount of your gift annuity payments, the portion that will be tax free, and the amount (if any) of capital gain.

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