

# Planned Giving Guide

Giving to the United Methodist Foundation can take many forms. The Foundation encourages donors to consider the possibilities. Options available through planned giving offer creative alternatives that often benefit both donor and recipient. Before making a final decision, please consult with your professional financial advisor and contact The North Alabama United Methodist Foundation at (205) 226-7937.

GIFTS YOU CAN MAKE NOW			
Your Goal	Type of Gift	How to Give	Benefits
Make a quick and simple gift	Appreciated securities	Transfer stock or mutual funds to your Church or The Foundation. If your Church does not have a brokerage account, donations may be made to the Church through the	Donor avoids capital gains taxes and receives an income tax deduction; Church or Foundation sells shares tax-free.
Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real	Appreciated Real Estate	Donate property to The Foundation	Immediate income tax deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax
Make a gift that allows flexibility and your input on how funds will be	Donor Advised Fund	Create an Agreement whereby The Foundation manages your assets; you and/or family members advise The Foundation regarding charitable	Immediate income tax deduction, flexibility and an opportunity to practice philanthropy on a regular basis.
Make a significant gift with little cost to yourself	Life insurance	Designate The Foundation as a beneficiary	Future gift to ministry
Give your personal residence or farm, but continue to live	Retained Life Estate	Designate the ownership of your home to The Foundation but retain occupancy	Charitable income tax deduction and lifetime use of your home
Avoid taxation on retirement plan	Retirement Plan	Name The Foundation as beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	Avoidance of heavily taxed gift to heirs
GIFTS YOU CAN DEFER			
Your Goal	Type of Gift	How to Give	Benefits
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Bequest in Will	Provide a witness to your faith through your will. A bequest can be for a specific amount or asset, a percentage of your estate and can be residual or contingent.	Your estate receives a tax deduction. The Foundation receives your gift when the estate is settled.
Make a deferred gift, maintain access to assets,	Living Trust	Place assets into a trust, retain control during your lifetime. The Foundation becomes Trustee upon your death and makes distributions as you	Privacy, flexibility, control of Trust for lifetime, possible estate tax savings.
LIFE INCOME ARRANGEMENTS			
Your Goal	Type of Gift	How to Give	Benefits
Supplement income with fixed annual payments	Charitable Gift Annuity	Enter into a contract with The Foundation. The Foundation pays you fixed payments for life and distributes remainder to the ministry of your	Charitable income tax deductions, fixed annuity payments for life (portion tax-free), future gift to ministry.
Supplement income with fixed annual payments	Charitable Remainder Annuity	Create a charitable trust that pays you a fixed income.	Charitable income tax deduction, fixed income for life, future gift to ministry.
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term.	Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Create a trust that pays you a percentage of the trust's assets, valued annually.	Immediate income tax deduction, annual income for life that has potential to increase.
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets passing on to	Charitable Lead Trust	Create a trust that pays a fixed or variable income to your church or ministry for a set period of time, then passes to heirs.	Reduces size of taxable estate; keeps property in family, often with reduced gift taxes.

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