WAYS TO “LEAVE YOUR LEGACY”

By making a charitable gift, you can leave your legacy for something that was important to you during your life. There are many techniques available that may save income and estate taxes.

This glossary of terms is designed to help introduce you to charitable giving.

**OUTRIGHT GIFT.** Cash, securities, real estate, personal property, etc. are gifts that can be gifted by transferring the title.

**CHARITABLE BEQUEST.** Make a bequest in your will. Your gift may be designated as (a) percentage of your estate, (b) specific dollar amount or description of property, (c) residue of your estate or, (d) contingent upon a certain event happening.

**BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION.** It is simple to make Mount Olivet or one of its affiliated ministries a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, an IRA account or other retirement plan. Since these assets have never been taxed, they are great gifts for nonprofit organizations. Contact your retirement plan administrator and request the appropriate form.

**CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY.** You make a gift to the church or its affiliated organizations. In exchange, you receive fixed income for the rest of your life, based on your age. A portion of the income is not taxable but considered a return of principal. An income tax deduction is also provided.

**CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST.** You receive income from a gift for the rest of your life, based on a specified percent of the trust principal. The trust assets become the property of the church or its affiliated organization after you die or in a pre-established time period. Income tax deductions are based on current value of the remainder interest going to the nonprofit.

**LIFE ESTATE.** You can deed your personal residential property to the church or its affiliated organization. During your lifetime you have a legal interest in the life estate with full rights to live there or to rent or sell those rights. You receive an immediate income tax reduction for the remainder interest value of the estate.

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☐ Please send me information on estate planning and charitable gifts.

☐ I have named Mount Olivet Lutheran Church or one of its affiliated organizations as a beneficiary in my will. Please add my name to Mount Olivet Vision Partners.

Name__________________________________ Phone __________________

Address _________________________________________________________

City _________________________________ State _____ Zip _____________

For more information, e-mail or call Mari Carlson at mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org or 612.821.3150.
Now may be the perfect time to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity

that benefits Mount Olivet Lutheran Church and/or its affiliated ministries. You get a fixed annual payment for life and a tax deduction for your gift, and the older you are, the higher the payout. Also, you get a tax deduction for your gift. It is a win–win proposition!

A charitable gift annuity is a gift that continues to give. You make a gift of cash or securities and that gift provides you a guaranteed annual income (based on your age) for the rest of your life. You name Mount Olivet and/or its affiliated ministries to receive the remaining portion of your annuity at the end of your life. This is an opportunity to support the future of our Mount Olivet ministries and receive an income stream at the same time.

How does an annuity work? Mr. Mueller is 80 years old. He needs to increase his income and at the same time he wants to support a specific ministry. He owns some stock he bought in 1979 for $4,500. Today the stock is worth $9,000, but he only receives a dividend of 2% or $180 per year.

Mr. Mueller gifts his stock in exchange for a charitable gift annuity. He receives a guaranteed fixed income for life of 6.8%. A portion is tax free. And, he also gets a charitable tax deduction.

What is a deferred charitable gift annuity? A deferred charitable gift annuity allows you to make the gift today, but receive the annuity later in life. Typically, payout rates are higher. The longer payments are deferred, the larger the charitable deduction.

BENEFITS OF A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

- You will benefit an important ministry and perpetuate your values.
- Gift annuity rates may provide you with an annuity payment greater than your assets are now producing.
- You gain freedom from investment responsibility. Gift annuities for Mount Olivet ministries are administered by the ELCA Foundation. You simply receive a check in the mail, or a deposit in your checking account, at a fixed rate, for the rest of your life. (Payments can be made annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly.)
- You get an immediate tax deduction. Part of your annuity is designated by the IRS as a charitable gift. If the full deduction cannot be used in the year you make your gift, the unused portion can be carried forward for up to five years.
- You save on future taxes. The IRS considers your annuity payments a return of principal, so a portion of each payment is tax free for the years of your life expectancy.
- You can avoid some capital gain taxes, estate taxes, and probate costs.

Gift Annuity

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Single life rates shown. Dual life rates slightly lower. All rates subject to change.

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☑ Please send me detailed information about a charitable gift annuity.

I am interested in ☐ One-life annuity ☐ Two-life annuity

Birthdate(s): Mo___ Day___ Year___

Mo___ Day___ Year___

Amount of gift is: ______________________

Name(s) ___________________________________________________

Address __________________________________ Phone ___________

City ______________________________ State _____ Zip ___________

Send form to Mari Carlson, Director of Development, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55419 or call 612.821.3150 or mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org.

If you stand for something important, write it in bold letters so someone can see it.

– Socrates

“In gratitude and love, I am leaving an estate gift to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. I can never repay the joy it was to serve as your first parish nurse or the benefits I continue to receive as a member of the church family. For 25 years Mount Olive has been the center of my life. I am blessed to be able to leave an estate gift to this Believing, Belonging and Becoming place.”

Elvi Bankey (r), Mount Olivet Vision Partner, with Mari Carlson, Director of Development