

Generosity is an expression of spiritual discipline rooted in the belief that your contributions can truly make a difference.

There are numerous ways you can give to support the mission of your church. This brochure will outline various gift options that not only aid the church but also offer you tax and income advantages.

Should you have any questions after reviewing this information, feel free to reach out to your local church or the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan. The Foundation would be delighted to provide you with a personalized illustration of any of the gifting options mentioned and clarify the benefits for both you and your church.

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Don't Miss Your Opportunity to End the Year Generously



## **Donor Advised Fund**

If you are looking for an end-of-year deduction but want more time to make giving decisions, consider a donoradvised fund (DAF). The Foundation can accept your tax-deductible gift to establish a DAF in your name. You can make grants from your DAF in the future to support your charitable causes.

### **Charitable Bequests**

One of the most recognized forms of legacy giving is the bequest. A bequest allows you to make a gift through your will or trust, ensuring your wishes are honored today while retaining access to your essential assets during your lifetime.

### Securities

Giving stocks or bonds as a gift can offer you significant tax advantages. If you've held onto these securities for over a year and their value has risen, you can bypass capital gains tax and claim a charitable income tax deduction equivalent to the fair market value of your donation to your chosen charity.



### **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.

#### Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable gift annuity serves as an excellent illustration of how a contribution can provide you with income. You simply transfer your cash or property to the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan, and they guarantee to provide you with fixed payments for life, determined by your age. Along with the stability of guaranteed income, you'll also benefit from a charitable income tax deduction. A portion of your annuity payments potentially will be tax-free.

Once all payments have been fulfilled to you, we will allocate the remaining value to the causes you select, such as your church.

# **IRA Rollover**

If you are 70½ or older, you can avoid taxes on distributions made from your IRA to the Foundation or your church. If you are 73 or older you may satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year with this type of gift.