

Giving With the Foundation

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation delivers advanced faith-based planned giving solutions for creating a legacy for ministry that also may benefit your family.

Who We Are

- Leading financial partner to Georgia-based Methodist churches, nonprofits, individuals, and families
- 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency
- Our mission is to provide faith-based financial solutions for investing, lending, training, and planned giving
- Total assets entrusted to our care: \$234 million¹
- Fifth largest United Methodist foundation in the U.S.
- Dedicated team of eight professionals

Solutions Offered

- Institutional Investments
- Loans for Churches and Nonprofits
- Certificate Investments
- Endowments and Legacy Ministry Programs
- Wills Clinics
- Cemetery Associations
- Financial Literacy Academy
- Scholarships



Not-for-Profit

Our purpose is to partner with congregations, nonprofits, individuals, and families in direct support of the ministries and mission of the church.



Longevity

The Foundation brings more than 40 years of experience serving Georgia institutions. A dedicated team of eight industry veterans brings the strength of experience.



Trusted Partners

The Foundation gives thanks to God and to you for the 600+ relationships we have with Methodists across the State of Georgia.¹



Giving Back

The Foundation impacts lives through our ministries. We fund scholarships and grants and have awarded over 900 scholarships totaling nearly \$800,000 since 2011.¹



Aligned Missions

The Foundation helps sustain ministry through our investments, supports the mission of the church, and fulfills ministry with a more secure financial future.

¹ As of December 31, 2023.

Ways to Give With the Foundation

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation can help you make a planned gift to support your church or a charity close to your heart. Talk with your financial advisor or estate planning attorney to decide what you want to give and how you want to give it. Then contact the Foundation to complete the gift. Here are some gift ideas to get you started.

GIVING OPTIONS	HOW TO GIVE	BENEFITS TO DONOR
1. Cash	Write a check.	May receive an itemized deduction. ²
2. Appreciated Stock Held More Than One Year	Transfer stock to your church, charity, or the Foundation's brokerage account.	May receive an itemized deduction for full market value. ² Avoids capital gains tax.
3. Qualified Charitable Distribution From Your IRA	Transfer distribution directly to your church, charity, or the Foundation.	Avoids income tax on distribution.
4. Real Estate	Transfer title to your church, charity, or the Foundation.	Full market value of gift may receive itemized tax deduction. ²
5. Donor-Advised Fund	Set up a fund with the Foundation. Give cash/investments, etc. to the fund.	Immediate tax deduction for fair market value. Distributions can be requested later. ²
6. Life Insurance	Change beneficiary designation to include your church or charity for all or part of the proceeds.	May be able to deduct present value of gift. ²
7. Retirement Plan Assets	Designate your church or charity as beneficiary for all or part of the proceeds.	May be able to deduct present value of gift. ²
8. Will or Estate Plan	Leave gifts to your church or charity in your will or estate plan.	May avoid estate taxes.
9. Charitable Gift Annuity	Donor purchases an annuity contract, which obligates the Foundation to make payments for a specific period. Any remainder is given to the Foundation or a designated charity.	May be tax deductible. Consult an advisor.
10. Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Donor creates a trust where a percentage of the value of the trust is distributed annually based upon the market value of the fund. Remainder is given to charity.	May be tax deductible. Consult an advisor.
11. Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	Donor sets up an annuity trust, which provides regular payments to donor/designee for a specific time. Remainder is given to charity.	May be tax deductible. Consult an advisor.

² The tax deductibility of gifts depends on whether the donor can itemize on their tax return. Please check with your professional advisor.

The purpose of this guide is to provide general gift, estate, and financial planning information. State laws govern wills, trusts, and charitable gifts made in a contractual agreement. Advice from legal counsel should be sought when considering these types of gifts. Watch for tax revisions. Some types of gifts may not be available in Georgia. Please check with your professional advisor.

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