Lutheran Planned Giving

(LPG)

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What is Lutheran Planned Giving?

ELCA Lutheran Planned Giving is a service to ELCA congregations and individuals, to help them plan for themselves, loved ones and the work of the Lord, by providing education and consultation in the area of stewardship of accumulated assets. All services are available without cost or obligation.

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Giving Wise Gifts

ELCA Lutheran Planned Giving is often asked, "How can we give wise gifts to ministry organizations as well as to our children and grandchildren? How do we pass on not only our wealth, but our Christian values?"

Lutheran Planned Giving (LPG) can assist, at no cost, individuals to learn ways to enhance their gifts to the family and to the ministries they love. Assets are not only contained in dollar figures, but also contained in your principles, ideals and values. LPG is available to you for planning all of your philanthropic giving, to your congregation - ELCA ministries and your family, as well as to charitable organizations.

When considering gifts to families and charities, it is easy to feel overwhelmed, lacking in information or unsure of your direction. Frequently, questions such as the following are heard:

- "Can we give to ELCA Foundation to benefit our congregation or ministry and also receive an income for life...all in the same gift?"
- "We want to pass assets and our values to our loved ones...how do we do this?"
- "I want to give a gift of appreciated assets to a ministry. Can I reduce capital gains tax due and receive a life income from the same gift?"
- "Is there a way to increase my retirement income and provide for a gift to ministry at the same time?"
- "We want to leave a legacy to an endowment fund. Which assets are the best to use?"
- "How can we use funds from our IRA to provide a current gift to ministry?"

Too often, the gift planning process focuses solely on gifts of wealth (assets and resources) and does not equally consider how gifts of worth (values such as integrity and initiative) may enhance a child's or grandchild's life.

LPG will answer your family and charitable gifting questions in a straightforward, easily understood manner. LPG will bring clarity to your gift planning process and carefully explain how the use of gift planning tools like bequests, gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, testamentary trusts and retained life interests can enhance your gifts of worth and wealth to your loved ones and the ministry organizations you support.

Tips and reminders for estate planning will be placed on this website. The list of tips include the following:

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