



IRA Rollover to Charitable Gift Annuity



Do you have an IRA?

Would you like to give more to ministry but need the retirement income?

Have you considered a charitable gift annuity in the past but weren't ready?

If you answered "yes" to the above questions, now is an excellent time to consider a charitable gift annuity (CGA). The Secure 2.0 Act provides a once-in-a-lifetime way to do so with a tax-free distribution from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

What is a CGA?

A CGA is a contract between you and the LCMS Foundation for the benefit of Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). In exchange for your charitable gift, you or your spouse receive a fixed income for your lifetime(s). Upon your passing, the annuity ceases, and the remaining principal supports the work of the Church.

Benefits of a CGA

- Lifetime income and financial security
- Attractive payment rates
- Opportunity to support our mission

How Does a CGA Work?

A CGA is a simple written agreement that benefits you and eventually LCEF.

Once you contribute cash from your IRA, the CGA begins to make monthly or quarterly payments to you for your lifetime. The payment rate is based on your age to your nearest birthday.

What the Secure 2.0 Act Provides

- Once-in-a-lifetime tax-free distribution from your IRA for a gift annuity
- Maximum allowable distribution amount of \$55,000 in 2026
- Lifetime income payments of 5% or greater
- Lowers your taxable estate

Other Considerations

- CGAs may be set up to pay income to you or you and your spouse.
- Under the act's provisions, you must be 70½ or older to take advantage of this opportunity.
- A CGA is a general obligation of The LCMS Foundation for the benefit of LCEF.

Is This Strategy Right for You?

If you would like to increase your retirement income and leave an impactful gift to ministry, then a CGA is a worthwhile option to consider.

Want to learn more?

Please contact us by calling **314-885-6595** or by emailing us at gift.development@lcef.org. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions and work with you.

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