

2007 (2nd Quarter)

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

Charitable Gift Annuities

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract with the Foundation that allows you to receive a fixed, lifetime payment based on your age. The older you are the better the rate - up to 11.3%. In addition you receive a charitable deduction for a portion of your gift and much of the money we send back to you is tax-free (which makes the effective rate even higher!).

We send you these payments for your lifetime. When you pass away, the annuity ends and whatever amount is in the account goes to where you tell us - your local church, a Foundation Ministry, or to establish an endowment in your name. They may also be written for two persons. In that case, the fixed payment extends over both lifetimes. When both lives end, the annuity ends.

The rates for the annuity, based on your age, are available on our website (www.DakotasUMF.org). We'll also provide them to you by phone (800/224-6552) and we'd be glad to send you a proposal by mail.

Want to receive income while you're living and ultimately make a wonderful gift when you pass away? Want to earn a fixed rate that may be higher than CD's or other investments? Contact us for more information.

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HELPS FOR THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Giving is to be faithful.

Gandhi said,
"There are enough resources
In the world
For everyone's need,
But not for
Everyone's greed."

We believe:
We are the children of God,
And we need to give.
In every aspect of our lives,
we are entrusted to be stewards of God's creation.
God invites us to give freely
and to exercise joyfully our gifts
through mission and ministry.

*-From the Stewardship Statement passed by the 2000
General Convention of the Episcopal Church*

**"We are called to share generously from what we already have,
so that all may have enough.
Don't worry about giving what you don't have.
Give generously and willingly of what you do have,
and all will be blest!"**

By Joe Dominquez and Vicki Robin, Your Money or Your Life
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