



# *at a glance*

## **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA)**



### **WHAT IS A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA)?**

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between you and the ELCA Foundation. In exchange for making a gift to benefit any ELCA ministry, you will receive regular (quarterly, semiannual or annual) fixed payments for your lifetime and, if you desire, for the lifetime of your spouse or another person. Your ministry of choice receives the remainder of your gift. You receive a tax deduction at the time the charitable gift annuity is established. A portion of each payment is tax-free in most cases.

#### **Here's how it works:**

Charitable gift annuities can be funded with cash and/or marketable securities. Funding a charitable gift annuity with an appreciated asset you own may enable you to bypass part of the capital gains tax normally associated with selling the appreciated asset outright. When you make your gift, the fixed payment rate is determined by your age(s) and will never fluctuate.

### **A CGA IS RIGHT FOR YOU IF YOU:**



Are able to  
make a gift of  
at least  
**\$10,000**

Are at least

**65** OR  
**OLDER**

Deferred gift annuities  
can be established  
at age 55.



Want to ensure  
a steady stream  
of income during  
your lifetime.

## WHY SHOULD I USE A CGA?

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Establish your annuity by donating cash or marketable securities.
- Receive a fixed income stream for the rest of your life.
- Establish a future tax-advantaged income stream while receiving a current tax deduction.
- Avoid or reduce capital-gains tax (when funding an annuity from appreciated securities).
- Select from joint-and-survivor annuity options.
- Support any ELCA ministry (including your congregation or favorite local/churchwide ministry).

## RULES TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Your gift is irrevocable and cannot be changed after it is funded.
- You must be age 65 or older to create an annuity. If you are at least 55, you may create a deferred annuity and defer payments to a future date when you can supplement your retirement income.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

**Find your regional gift planner at [ELCA.org/foundation](https://elca.org/foundation) or call 800-638-3522.**

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