



WELS Foundation exists to help God's people support gospel ministry through WELS by providing the following giving opportunities and services to WELS members and ministries:

Letters of Instruction

Letters of Instruction can facilitate your desire to support WELS ministry.

- **Simple**—a signed agreement between you and WELS Foundation
- **Easy**—enables you to give to one foundation and then to instruct them to distribute the gift to various ministries
- **Flexible**—can be changed at any time without changing your will or numerous beneficiary designations
- **No cost**

Processing Gifts

Processing gifts through WELS Foundation can make complex gifts simple and easy. For example, you can transfer securities to WELS Foundation's brokerage account. Some congregations have this in place, but not many. WELS Foundation sells the securities and then promptly sends the net proceeds to your chosen ministry. This could be your home congregation or any WELS ministry.

WELS Foundation can also help process*:

- IRA qualified charitable distributions
- Real estate
- Life insurance
- Tangible personal property
- Crops or livestock
- Retained life estate
- Closely held stock
- Employee stock options
- Partnership interests
- Cryptocurrency

**subject to review and approval*

Gifts that Provide an Income

Gifts of cash, securities, and/or real estate can provide a current income stream for you and/or a loved one and a future charitable distribution to your designated ministry.

- Charitable gift annuities
 - Immediate payments
 - Deferred payments
 - Flexible deferred payments
- Charitable remainder trusts
 - Charitable remainder unit trusts
 - Charitable remainder annuity trusts
 - Charitable remainder FLIP trusts
- Charitable lead trusts

Legacy Gifts *(made now or after death)*

A legacy gift can provide a source of ongoing financial support for your home congregation or designated WELS ministry.

- Donor advised funds
- Endowment funds established by:
 - Individuals or families
 - Congregations
 - WELS ministries

WELS Foundation is the foundation of choice for WELS members and ministries. It is the only foundation whose sole purpose is to facilitate donors' desires to support WELS ministries.

