



Jim Holm, Executive Director
jim.holm@wels.net • 414-256-3206

We are excited to provide information to you, our valued Foundation partners, to assist you in serving your donors.

This issue contains:

- Qualified charitable distribution spotlight—p. 1
- Wording you can steal—p. 2
- Two free booklets for your donors—p. 2
- The latest exciting info regarding the Legacy IRA Act—p. 3
- Free customizable planned giving PowerPoint slides—p. 3
- Ways we can serve you—back page

WELS Foundation is here to serve you and your donors. Please reach out to me at any time. May God bless you and your ministry!

James A. Holm

SPOTLIGHT: Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs)

Here is a graphic your donors may find helpful.

Smart Christian giving tip

For those 70.5 or older . . .

- 1** **Notify** our ministry of your intent to make the gift.
- 2** **Contact** your IRA custodian to request a distribution to our ministry.
- 3** Your IRA custodian will **send a check** to our ministry.

Making a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to our ministry saves on taxes. For those 72 and older, the distribution also counts toward satisfying your **required minimum distribution**. Contact us to learn more!

For a customized version of this graphic for your organization, contact ann.jahns@wels.net or 414-256-3255.

[Download a step-by-step QCD procedures document.](#)

STEAL THIS WORDING!

You won't get in trouble. We promise.

Qualified charitable distributions are a convenient and tax-wise way for your donors to support your ministry through their individual retirement accounts (IRAs). If you are looking for brief language to promote qualified charitable distributions to your donors, here is wording you can steal and customize:

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS: *A tax-efficient way to support [ministry name]*

Did you know that if you are age 70.5 and older, you can support [ministry name] by requesting a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your individual retirement account (IRA) directly to [ministry name]? Even better: If you are age 72 and older, the QCD will count toward your required minimum distribution!

What's the tax benefit? Qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 per person per year are excluded from your taxable income!

Would you like to learn more? Please contact _____ at _____ to learn how you can make a tax-wise gift to _____.

[Download this qualified charitable distribution wording in a customizable Word document.](#)

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Let us know what content you'd like to see in this newsletter.

How can we help you serve your donors? Are there resources we can create or provide?

We are grateful for your partnership in ministry.

Send content ideas and suggestions to ann.jahns@wels.net or 414-256-3255.

DID YOU KNOW?

WELS Foundation and WELS Ministry of Christian Giving offer two free booklets for your members and donors.

Different Ways to Make Planned Gifts

This concise yet comprehensive booklet contains information, illustrations, scenarios, and links to videos about different types of tax-smart gifts.

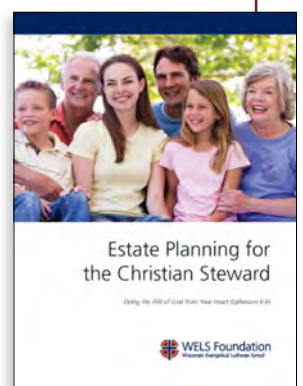
- [View the booklet online](#)
- [Order hard copies from Northwestern Publishing House](#)

Estate Planning for the Christian Steward

This booklet walks donors through the steps of preparing an estate plan, including filling out forms that will be useful to their planners and their family.

- [Learn more and download the booklet](#)
- [View the booklet online](#)
- [Order hard copies from Northwestern Publishing House](#)

Questions about the booklets? Contact your local [WELS Christian giving counselor](#).



EXCITING GIVING OPPORTUNITY INCLUDED IN SECURE ACT 2.0

This information from PG Calc will bring you up to speed on the Legacy IRA Act.

Reason for optimism regarding Legacy IRA Act

As reported in CGP's Advocacy Update on August 18, the Legacy IRA Act provisions included in the SECURE Act 2.0 legislation are now identical in the House and Senate versions of the bill. The House version, H.R. 2954, passed overwhelmingly in March. The Senate is working through its version of the bill.

Once it passes the Senate, which is expected, any differences between the House and Senate versions will need to be reconciled before a final bill is voted on. That the Legacy IRA Act provisions already are matching in the two versions improves their chances for remaining in the final bill. Any bill that has not passed by the end of the current Congressional session will need to start over in the new Congress.

After all the work Congressmembers have put into the SECURE Act 2.0, there is strong incentive for them to pass it before the new Congress is sworn in. Most likely, it will come to a vote during the lame duck session in November or December.

Legacy IRA Act rules in brief

The SECURE Act 2.0 would allow a donor to make a one-time election for a qualified

charitable distribution (QCD) to a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. The QCD would be limited to \$50,000, and the gift would have to be funded exclusively by the QCD. Beneficiary payments would be taxed entirely as ordinary income. As a practical matter, only the gift annuity would be viable because of the \$50,000 limitation.

"The SECURE Act 2.0 would allow a donor to make a one-time election for a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust."

Source: PG Calc Aug. 2022 newsletter

Another important change that would affect QCDs

Perhaps more important than allowing QCDs to fund gift annuities, the Act includes an annual inflation adjustment of the \$100,000 annual limit on QCDs given outright. The \$100,000 limit has been in place since the QCD came into being in 2006. If an annual inflation adjustment had existed from the beginning, the annual limit would be about \$140,000 this year. Over time, these annual inflation adjustments will enable donors to give significantly more to charity via the QCD.

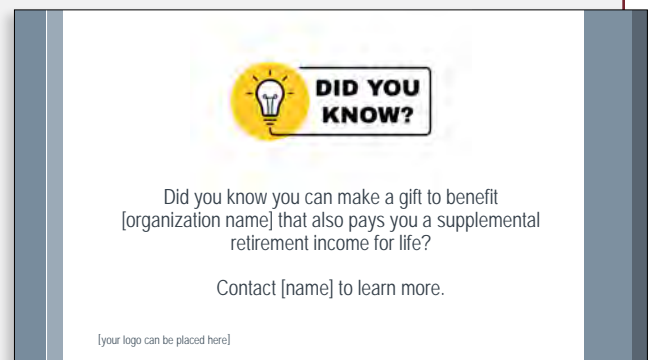
Note from Jim Holm: If the SECURE Act 2.0 passes, it could be a wonderful way for donors 70.5 and older to establish a charitable gift annuity to support your ministry. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

FOUNDATION FREEBIE

Customizable "Did You Know?" PowerPoint slides featuring planned giving tips

WELS Foundation has created a series of 16 PowerPoint slides that can be customized to share on digital screens with your members or donors at worship or events. The wording can also be placed into publications.

Want help customizing? Contact Ann Jahns at ann.jahns@wels.net or 414-256-3255.



Download the PowerPoint slides.



So that future generations
will know the goodness of God

WELS Foundation is here to help you serve your donors as they support your ministry. We provide the following giving opportunities and services to WELS members and ministries:

Letters of instruction

Letters of instruction can facilitate your donors' desire to support your ministry.

- **Simple**—a signed agreement between your donor and WELS Foundation
- **Easy**—enables donors to give to one foundation and then they can have their gifts distributed to your ministry
- **Flexible**—can be changed at any time without changing the donor's will or numerous beneficiary designations
- **No cost**

Processing gifts

Processing gifts through WELS Foundation can make complex gifts simple and easy.

WELS Foundation can help process:

- Gifts of securities
- 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

Gifts that provide an income

Gifts of cash, securities, and/or real estate can provide a current income stream for your donors and/or their loved ones and a future distribution to your ministry.

WELS Foundation facilitates:

- 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 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.