Planned Giving Reprintables

*WELS Ministry of Christian Giving has edited and approved the following resources for your church to customize (when necessary) and use as needed. They are intended to encourage members about good stewardship practices and to inform them about ways to make planned gifts to benefit your church and other WELS ministry. Consider using them at your website, in bulletins or newsletters, etc. To use, modify as you’d like. Then highlight the text and copy and paste it (Ctrl-C, Ctrl-V) where you want it to go.*

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Giving to Jesus

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year. We get the opportunity to celebrate the wondrous gift of God’s Son, Jesus. Because of God’s gift to us on the very first Christmas, Christmas has become a gift-giving season.

With so many people to give gifts to, it can be difficult to find the right gifts for everyone. God has no such problem. He knew exactly what each person needed. In fact, he knows our needs better than we know them, and he knew them before we were ever born. The timing of his most indescribable gift was perfect. “When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons” (Galatians 4:4).

How do we respond to what God has given us? The Holy Spirit prompts us to joyfully ask, “What can I give to him?” By the Spirit’s power, the best gift that we can possibly give him is our hearts—showing him our love by faithfully and obediently doing what he asks of us. We can be channels of his love to others.

May we all keep Christ as the heart of our Christmas and make Jesus the reason for our joy.

One Way to Do the Lord’s Work into the Future

Reuben Hoppe, 92, and his wife Arline, 87, just established their second charitable gift annuity (CGA)—and they gave their adult children a portion of their inheritance early so that they, too, could establish CGAs. When asked why they chose to support gospel ministry through CGAs, they said, “We feel so blessed and know where the blessings come from. This is one way we can do the Lord’s work into the future.”

A charitable gift annuity allows you to support the ministry of [Congregation Name] and provide for yourself or your loved ones with fixed annuity payments for life. Consider the following sample illustration for someone who is 75 years old (rates vary based on age):

**Single-life Annuity Illustration (Two-life annuities are also available.)**



You can receive your own personalized CGA illustration using WELS Foundation’s [Gift Guide](http://giftguide.wels.net/).

If interested in more information and assistance by a [WELS Christian giving counselor](http://wels.net/giving/ministry-of-christian-giving/christiangivingcounselordirectory/), call WELS Ministry of Christian Giving at 800-827-5482.