

## **LIFETIME INCOME-GENERATING GIFTS**

### Central District Conference Missional Fund (CDC-MF)

This fund was initiated in 2009 as a way for constituents and other interested parties to give towards missional activities sponsored by the CDC. In this way, we are able to do together what we as single congregations and individuals cannot do alone. Initial inspiration and seed money for this fund comes from bequests by Florence K. Miller and Leslie B. Lehman. Join us in furthering God's work.

### Gift annuities

Give a gift to Mennonite Foundation designated for Central District Conference. In return, the foundation gives you guaranteed annuity payments at a fixed rate for the rest of your life. At the end of your lifetime, the remainder goes to Central District. Immediate or deferred annuities are available.

### Charitable remainder trusts

Make a gift of an actual asset to Mennonite Foundation. The foundation then provides you with income from your gift for the rest of your life, as long as the trust generates income. At the end of your lifetime, the remainder would go to Central District Conference.

### Charitable lead trusts

Provide current income from your assets to Central District Conference. The future income goes to your loved ones.

For assistance with these and other life income planned gifts, please contact your local Mennonite Foundation representative or call toll free (800) 348-7468.

# Charitable Giving



Central District Conference

## REMEMBER CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN YOUR GIVING

The faith community has a long history of following the call of Christian stewardship by supporting local churches and many other charities. For most people, this means writing a check. But there are other ways to provide significant support. This brochure seeks to challenge you to include **Central District Conference** in your charitable giving and describes various ways this can be done.

For over 50 years, Mennonite Foundation has been helping people find unique ways to give to charity, assisting donors in making wise decisions that will best benefit the charity and in many cases, also benefit the donor. Gifts of real estate, stock and mutual fund shares, farm commodities, and many other assets can be turned into significant donations that could immediately benefit Central District Conference. The foundation's professional staff can also show you how to take advantage of current tax laws to make the most of your gifts. For example, you can make a gift today and receive income for the rest of your life with charitable trusts and gift annuities. Central District would receive the benefit after you are gone. Contact the local Mennonite Foundation representative in your area.

## WRITING YOUR WILL

The most important decisions about **giving** are the ones we make when we plan our wills. These decisions are crucial in expressing what we value most—our families, our friends, our faith. To write a will requires us to reflect on our stewardship priorities. Then, long after death, it will continue to speak, telling others what was most important to us.

### **Your will speaks for you.**

It is a legal document stating how you want your resources to be distributed. In addition to providing for loved ones, a will allows you to give a final gift to the causes you care about. Because of your interest in the broader church and the impact Central District has had for you and your congregation, please include Central District Conference in your will.

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### **A gift will help the mission of Central District Conference grow.**

- An estate gift to CDC will be an investment in the future of the conference.
- It will build on the commitment to our church heritage.
- When invested, it will provide income for the spending plan.
- It could serve as a reserve fund when extra finances are needed for special projects or budget needs.
- It may make possible special mission projects or church plants.

### **How to include Central District Conference in your will**

- Designate a percentage of your estate for Central District Conference
- Specify particular assets or a specific dollar amount as a gift for CDC.

### **When you take this step**

Consult with an attorney to be assured the document is appropriate for the laws of your state. Inform the Central District Conference office that the conference is included in your will.

For more information or assistance, contact the conference office (800) 662-2264 or the Stewardship Committee.