

What we (and you) do matters!

If you are reading this, you probably have a special interest in making a significant and lasting impact on the mission and ministries of the church. And through a planned gift to the Church of the Brethren, you will be part of ministries and a movement that really matters to our global community. Many have found that a little time spent considering the best ways to structure their gifts can help them make meaningful contributions while meeting personal planning goals as well.

By exploring this material, you will discover ways to make gifts to the Church of the Brethren you may not have thought possible.

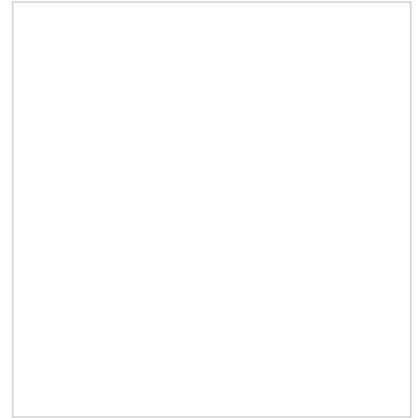
- You will learn how to give in ways that can actually "give back" for a time, providing extra income in retirement years or to help fund educational expenses and other needs.
- You can add meaning to your gift by using it to honor a special friend or loved one.
- You will see how to save money on income, gift, and estate taxes and redirect those amounts for use in ways you choose.
- You will enjoy your giving more, knowing you are investing in charitable interests in ways that allow you to give the most you can at the lowest possible cost.

That's what effective gift planning is all about. We trust the information presented here will help you maximize the potential of your resources through preserving financial security for yourself and your loved ones while funding the organizations and institutions in which you believe.

And, after you prepare that special planned gift to the church, you become eligible to join the [Church of the Brethren's Faith Forward Donor Circle](#). This special group of donors has made a lasting impact on the world by helping to ensure the work of Jesus will continue for future generations.

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