



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES  
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## **Establishing your Gift Annuity is easy; simply:**

1. Review the Charitable Gift Annuity Disclosure Statement.
2. Contact our Ministry Advancement department if you have questions or would like to receive at no obligation a custom-designed illustration of your Charitable Gift Annuity benefits.
3. Send your completed Charitable Gift Annuity Application to The Lutheran Hour Ministries Foundation (address listed below).

### **Description of a Gift Annuity**

A Gift Annuity is a simple contract between the donor(s) and The Lutheran Hour Ministries Foundation (herein after “The LHM Foundation”). In exchange for the donor’s(s’) contribution, The LHM Foundation promises to make fixed payments for the life of a person of the donor’s choosing or for the lives of that person and one other person. The amount paid is based on the age of the person or, in the case of a two-life annuity, the age of the younger person, at the time of the gift, in accordance with the American Council on Gift Annuities rate schedule.

### **Points to Remember**

- A contribution for a Charitable Gift Annuity is irrevocable. The principal you contribute cannot be returned to you.
- After an Annuity contract has been initiated, the right to Annuity payments may not be assigned to any person or organization, other than The LHM Foundation.
- The gift date is the date when you actually transfer assets. In the case of cash, it is the date you mail or deliver a check. In the case of an electronic transfer of securities, it is the date they are received into the account of The LHM Foundation. If you have certificates, it is the date they are properly endorsed, mailed, or delivered.
- Gift Annuities are governed by the laws of the state in which you reside at the time the Charitable Gift Annuity is signed.
- If Gift Annuity payments are to be made on the life of another person (i.e. child or spouse), the other person’s age is used to calculate payments.
- You can elect not to receive payments until a future date. In most cases, deferred payments will result in a significantly higher payment.

# CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Donors are encouraged to read this Charitable Gift Annuity Disclosure Statement. These materials do not constitute legal or financial advice. Always consult your own legal advisor before establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity.

## Not a commercial investment

The act of establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity with The LHM Foundation is not, and should not be viewed as, an investment. Rather, it is a way to receive Annuity payments while making a charitable donation. In this respect, a Charitable Gift Annuity issued by The LHM Foundation is different from a commercial annuity. However, the fact that you are making a charitable gift may provide you with tax benefits, including a current federal income-tax charitable deduction (if you itemize your deductions), Annuity payments which are partially tax-free, and future estate tax savings.

## Gift Annuity Rates

Generally, rates paid by The LHM Foundation are those suggested by the American Council of Gift Annuities, which is a national organization of charities that has been in existence since 1927. These rates have been calculated so as to provide attractive payments to the donor and/or other annuitant(s) and also to result in a significant portion of the contribution remaining for the charity.

## Assets backing the Annuity

The Charitable Gift Annuity payments are a general obligation of The LHM Foundation, and they are backed by all of our assets (subject to existing security interests and donor-imposed restriction). On May 31, 2025, our total assets were \$28,401,796 and they are invested in cash equivalents and marketable securities and real estate. Assets received by The LHM Foundation for Gift Annuities are managed internally, in a conservative and disciplined manner. If The LHM Foundation should ever fail financially, individuals entitled to receive Annuity payments will qualify as general creditors of The LHM Foundation.

Responsibility for governing The LHM Foundation, which was established in 2000, is vested in a Board of Trustees comprised of 4 appointed and 11 elected trustees. Common investment funds managed by our organization are exempt from requirements of the federal securities laws pursuant to the exemption for collective investment fund and similar funds maintained by charitable organizations under the Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-62). Information in this form is provided to you in accordance with the requirement of that Act.

## The Hoffmann Society

One of the benefits of establishing your Charitable Gift Annuity is that you are eligible for membership in The Hoffmann Society, named in memory of long-time Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**<sup>®</sup>, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. The Hoffmann Society is a group of dedicated Christians who have been led by the Holy Spirit to provide financial support to Lutheran Hour Ministries beyond their own lifetimes through a will, living trust, life insurance gift, charitable remainder unitrust, or Gift Annuity. Through these financial vehicles, The Hoffmann Society members provide for their own needs and the needs of their family, as well as advancing the kingdom of Christ.

## For more information

This disclosure statement is intended to provide basic information regarding the Gift Annuities issued by The LHM Foundation. If you have additional questions concerning The LHM Foundation's Charitable Gift Annuity program, please call 1-877-333-1963 or write to The LHM Foundation, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141-8557.

# Charitable Gift Annuity Application



I/We wish to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity with The Lutheran Hour Ministries Foundation for the benefit of Lutheran Hour Ministries as follows:

**DONOR NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

## RECIPIENTS & PAYMENTS

### Income Recipient #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Income Recipient #2 (if a Two Life annuity)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how you wish to have your Gift Annuity payments issued:

- One Life Annuity
- Two Life Annuity

Payment Schedule (all payments are made on or before the last business day of the month or other period):

- Annually (December)
- Quarterly (March, June, September, December)
- Monthly

### Payment Start Date

- Immediate payments (first payment will arrive within the next 12 months)
- Defer payments until 20\_\_ (must be at least one year after the date of the gift)
- Flexible deferred payments (choose the earliest and latest years you would desire payments as well as the planned year.\*)

Earliest Year 20__ __	Planned Year 20__ __	Latest Year 20__ __
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\* For example, you might expect to take payments in 2020 (planned year) but desire to take payments as early as 2017 (earliest year) or as late as 2023 (latest year). You pick flexible range, but the longer you wait to trigger payments, the higher the rate will be.

### I/We would prefer:

- Highest possible income-tax charitable deduction in the year of the gift
- Highest portion of the payments to be income tax-free

## GIFT

### I/We would like to establish a gift annuity using the following assets:

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to "The Lutheran Hour Ministries Foundation")

Securities (should be held for more than 12 months.)

Name of securities: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares: \_\_\_\_\_

Original cost of shares: \_\_\_\_\_

Acquisition date of shares: \_\_\_\_\_

Real Estate Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For stock transfers and real estate gifts please call 877-333-1963 for more instructions.

## REMAINDER

### The remaining gift amount of this Gift Annuity is to be used for the ultimate benefit of:

Lutheran Hour Ministries (Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League) to the area of greatest need

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Endowment Fund

The Lutheran Hour

Lutheran Hour Ministries International Ministry Centers

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Power of Attorney or Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNATURE(S)

### I/We have read the insert entitled "Charitable Gift Annuity Disclosure Statement."

#### I/We understand that:

- A Gift Annuity is an irrevocable agreement between the donor(s) and LHM.
- The designated income recipient(s) will receive fixed payments for life, and
- Upon my/our death(s) the remaining gift amount, if any, will be used for the religious purpose I/we have designated.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of co-applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

If you were unable to read the Disclosure Statement, the person who read it to you should sign:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_