Charitable Lead Trust (CLT)

A charitable lead trust allows you to financially support one or more charities for a specific time period. Once the trust term expires, any remaining assets are transferred to your beneficiaries or return to your estate. You can use this type of trust to provide ongoing support to the United Church of God or another qualified charity.

Consult your legal or tax advisor when considering a charitable lead trust, as they are usually complicated and subject to IRS rules.

Benefits of using a Charitable Lead Trust

- **Charitable giving.** You can experience the impact of your contributions during your lifetime by giving annual gifts to your causes over the term of the trust.
- Reducing gift & income taxes. Some types of CLTs qualify you for gift tax or income tax charitable deductions (thus balancing a large income tax liability).
- Lowering estate taxes. A CLT locks in today's value of the trust property for
 estate tax purposes. When your heirs inherit the property, the appreciation of
 your assets will be estate tax free.
- **Transferring family assets.** A CLT enables you to give to charity now while providing a potentially tax-efficient pathway to transfer the remaining assets to beneficiaries when the trust ends.



Two primary types of Charitable Lead Trusts

- 1 In a Grantor Lead Trust, the donor retains ownership of the assets.
 - All trust income and expenses pass through to the donor on the donor's personal income tax return.
 - Current charitable tax deductions can be taken on the future value of gifts that will be paid out to the charity.
- 2 In a Non-Grantor Lead Trust, the trust owns the assets.
 - The trust deducts the annual payments to the charity.
 - All income and expenses are reported on a separate trust income tax return, and the trust is responsible for paying tax on its undistributed net income.

You will need this information to include the Church in your charitable lead trust:

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