



Ending the Year Well



Get a head start on your year-end tax planning.

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Congress made permanent the law that allows people age 70½ or older who own an IRA to make gifts directly from their IRA to charity. For many people, this is the best tax-wise way to give. An IRA rollover gift will not be included in your taxable income and may qualify for your required minimum distribution.

✓ Outright Gift of an Asset

If you wish to make a gift to support ministry and mission this year but are concerned about preserving your cash resources, consider a gift of an appreciated asset. A gift of securities, business interests or real estate can provide you with significant income and capital gains tax savings, often exceeding the benefits of a cash gift.

✓ Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

If you are looking for an end-of-year deduction but want more time to make thoughtful giving decisions, consider a donor advised fund (DAF). Our organization can use your tax deductible gift to establish a DAF in your name. You can make grants from your DAF now and in the future to support your American Baptist ministry or mission of choice.

✓ Zero-Tax Gift and Sale

If you are planning to sell an asset like securities, real estate or a business, before you sell, consider a "zero-tax" charitable gift and sale. By making a gift of part of the asset before the sale, you can use a tax-saving charitable deduction to significantly lower or eliminate the capital gains tax on the sale.

This information is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.

Consider these worthwhile strategies before the year's end.

Selling securities, real estate or a business this year?

Consider planning strategies to avoid capital gains tax

Own an IRA and/or 401(k)?

Maximize your deductible contributions

Expect to be in a lower tax bracket or can control income?

Shift income to this year

Extra medical expenses?

Establish a health savings account (HSA)

Age 70½ or older?

Make a gift from your IRA

Expect to be in a higher tax bracket?

Talk to your tax advisor for solutions to manage taxes

Have investment losers?

Sell to offset winners and lower your capital gains tax

Have state taxes, property taxes, medical bills?

Accelerate deductible expenses

May We Help?

For more information, please contact our partners, the American Baptist Foundation at (610) 768-2035 or by email abfadmin@abc-usa.org Together we can help you create a plan that meets your needs and goals.

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