

CHURCH & SOCIETY

GIFT ACCEPTANCE SUMMARY

The General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church (Church and Society), a nonprofit organization, encourages the solicitation and acceptance of gifts from a variety of sources that will enable us to fulfill our mission.

While we accept and appreciate donations from the public, we cannot accept contributions or partnerships with any organization that is involved in producing goods or services that are inconsistent with the current Book of Discipline, the Book of Resolutions, or the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church at the time of the gift.

Please see our full [gift acceptance policy](#) for more information.

CASH

Gifts of cash and checks are welcome, regardless of amount. Gifts must be made payable to the General Board of Church and Society and cannot be made payable to an employee, agent, or volunteer for the credit of Church and Society.



PROPERTY

Church and Society will accept gifts of real estate on a case-by-case basis after the property has been appraised by an independent party. Personal property other than real estate may be accepted after assessment.

SECURITIES

Church and Society welcomes and can accept both publicly traded and closely held securities. In general, unrestricted marketable securities will be sold upon receipt. For gift recognition purposes, Church and Society will rely on the value of the stock on the day that the transfer is completed, and will send an acknowledgement with that amount to you after the transaction has been finalized.



PLANNED GIFTS

Church and Society can accept planned gifts of bequests, life insurance, retirement plan designations, irrevocable or revocable trusts, life estates, charitable remainder annuity and unitrusts, and charitable lead trusts (annuities). The General Secretary and legal counsel will review all planned gifts prior to acceptance.

DONOR CONFIDENTIALITY

All Church and Society donor lists are confidential. Under no circumstances will Church and Society provide the names, addresses or any other information regarding our donors to anyone without gaining permission from the donor.

ETHICAL STANDARDS

Church and Society is committed to the highest ethical standards. Development staff at the organization will be required to adhere to the [Donor Bill of Rights](#).