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Contributing Retirement Assets

A gift of your retirement assets [IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension or other tax deferred plan] is an excellent way to make a charitable gift. If you are like most people, you probably will not use all of your retirement assets during your lifetime. Make a gift and help to support the Quaker faith you love into the future.

Give an IRA and Fund a Unique Gift

When you name FGC as a beneficiary to receive your IRA or other retirement assets upon your death, rather than donating retirement assets during your lifetime, the benefits multiply:

- Neither you and your heirs nor your estate will pay income taxes on the distribution of the assets.
- Your estate will need to include the value of the assets as part of the gross estate but will receive a tax deduction for the charitable contribution, which can be used to offset the estate taxes.
- Because charities do not pay income tax, the full amount of your retirement account will directly benefit the charity of your choice.
- It's also possible to divide your retirement assets between FGC and your heirs according to any percentages you choose.

When you're ready, you can name FGC as the beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement assets by completing a *designated beneficiary form* through your employer or your plan administrator. Most banks and financial services firms also have beneficiary forms, or they can provide you with suggested language for naming beneficiaries to these accounts. Once the designated beneficiary forms are in place, the retirement assets will generally pass directly to your beneficiaries (including charities) without going through probate.

When making a charitable gift of the IRA to Friends General Conference, FGC's tax id number is 23-1352148.

Magnify your gift and maximize your tax savings

- You may also want to purchase a life insurance policy to magnify the power of the IRA contribution and further diminish the impact of taxation.
- Donors over age 70-1/2 years of age are required to take a minimum distribution from the IRA each year. A portion of that distribution can be used to pay the life insurance premiums – as a tax deductible charitable contribution. The beneficiary, FGC, through an irrevocable life insurance trust, is the owner of the policy.
- Upon the second spouse's death, the benefits of the insurance policy and the IRA balance goes to FGC tax-free, a gift that could be far more substantial than the IRA alone.

Interested in learning more about this opportunity for greater giving? Contact Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Associate Secretary for Development, 215-561-1700 ext. 3004, tracis@fgcquaker.org

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