

# PLANNING YOUR GIVING

A Guide To Giving Options



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- GIFT FROM YOUR IRA.** If you are 70<sup>1/2</sup> or older, consider using your Traditional IRA to make a gift to our church or KMF. Your gift will not be reduced by tax and you may meet your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) requirements and help support your church.
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Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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