



If you are 72 plus years old, please read on. If you have a “Qualified” Retirement Account, like an IRA, you could use it to benefit your church — *in lieu of or in addition to* your net annual offering. You may already know that you are required to decrease the amount in your qualified plan annually. These distributed funds are referred to as a “Required Minimum Distribution” or RMD. These funds are generally taxable to you, as they were not taxed at the time you or your employer made the contribution to your retirement account.

Good news! You CAN accept these mandatory funds and have a portion of them—or the entire amount—forwarded directly to Trinity Lutheran Church. These RMD funds are now NON-taxable. On the other hand, if you take this retirement money directly, you will be responsible for the income tax on that distribution at both your current federal and state individual tax rate. Giving your RMD to a church or nonprofit organization eliminates the tax you would pay on that amount and therefore reduces your net taxable income. This benefits you and the church! Not making a RMD can result in penalties and additional taxes. Contact your financial advisor and/or your tax preparer for details on RMDs and how this financial mechanism can benefit both you and your church. Contact the church office if you have questions.