**Use Life Insurance to Make a Gift to the Conference**

A life insurance policy can be a versatile and effective asset for making a significant charitable gift to The Lehigh Conference of Churches. There are two basic ways insurance can be used to help support the Conference, and each offers different benefits to you.

**Option 1: Make The Lehigh Conference of Churches the beneficiary of the policy**

This option allows you to:

* Create a meaningful legacy at The Lehigh Conference of Churches
* Reduce the size of your taxable estate
* Retain the flexibility to change your mind

**Option 2: Make The Lehigh Conference of Churches the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy**

This option allows you to:

* Make an irrevocable gift to The Lehigh Conference of Churches today with little or no impact on your current cash flow
* Receive a charitable tax deduction for a portion of your gift

In addition, if premiums remain to be paid on the policy, a charitable deduction is allowed for each gift you make to The Conference to cover the premiums.

**Planning Tips**

* To make The Lehigh Conference of Churches a beneficiary of, or owner and beneficiary of, your life insurance policy, simply contact your insurer and complete the required form. You may need to provide the following information:
	+ **Legal name:** The Lehigh Conference of Churches
	+ **Tax ID number:** 23-1484205
	+ **Address:** 457 W. Allen Street, Allentown, PA 18102
* It's also possible to use a charitable donation to buy a new policy to benefit the Conference. Contact us early in your planning if you'd like to pursue this option so we can work with you on this process.
* If you are considering designating your gift for a specific purpose, such as a scholarship fund or support for a specific department, contact us to ensure that we understand your wishes.
* Before finalizing a gift of life insurance, review your other assets (such as appreciated stock or IRA accounts) to make sure this is the savviest way for you to reach your goals.

Please contact Christopher Moran in our admin department at 610-433-6421 x6113 or cmoran@lehighchurches.org to discuss your charitable intentions.