

*Thank You for Your Support - You Make the "Mission Possible!"*

## IRA Disbursements Help LMS Ministries... and You, Too

Did you know that in August 2006, Congress passed the IRA Rollover Bill that allows individuals to make direct transfers from their standard or Roth IRA to qualified charities of their choice?

There are many ways to financially support the vital ministry of the Mission Society: individual checks, congregational budgeting, estate gifts, Thrivent matching funds, employer campaigns, etc. All donations, large and small, help us share the love of Jesus in word and deed.

That's why we wanted to be sure you were aware of the IRA Rollover Bill. To benefit, you need to act fast – this legislation is set to expire on December 31, 2007.

How do you benefit? **IRA disbursements made directly to the Mission Society are not subject to Federal income tax.**



Before this IRA Bill was passed, when a gift of IRA assets was made, the amount taken from the IRA was reportable as taxable income. One then could take a charitable deduction for the gift, but only up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income. In effect, this caused some donors to pay more in income taxes than if they hadn't made a gift at all.

- You can take advantage of this opportunity if:
- You are 70½ or older when you make the gift, and you make the gift on or before December 31, 2007.
- The gift is \$100,000 or less each year (only available for years 2006 and 2007, at this time).
- You transfer the funds **directly** from an IRA to the Endowment.
- You transfer the gift outright to LMS.

If you would like to make a gift to the Mission Society through your IRA, please contact Deaconess Roberta Hillhouse at 410-636-0123. Together, with assistance from our allied professional gift planning advisors, we will be happy to answer any questions you have about the process. We also suggest you contact your legal or tax advisor before you make a final decision.



## Support the Mission Society Through Your Workplace

### CHARITY CAMPAIGNS

#### You can contribute to the Mission Society through your employer's annual charity drive

Every year many employers hold pledge drives to enable their employees to contribute to charities through payroll deductions.

The Mission Society participates in many of these programs.

If you are a Federal, Maryland State or Baltimore City employee, use the designation number listed below or look up Lutheran Mission Society in your employer's charity guide. **Please note we have a new 5-digit designation number this year for Federal Employees.**

*Lutheran Mission Society* code number to use:

**Federal Employees  
In Maryland - # 36224  
In DC - # 36224**

**State of Maryland  
Employees  
# 3055**

**Baltimore City  
Employees  
# 3055**

### UNITED WAY

#### FOR 2007 UNITED WAY DONATIONS: MAKE SURE TO FILL IN THE BOTTOM LEFT CORNER OF THE PLEDGE FORM AS FOLLOWS:

**Designation Option** A minimum gift of \$50 per year is required for each designation made. If your designation is less than \$50, it will revert to the United Way of Central Maryland. Designation must be received by United Way of Central Maryland no later than March 1st. Must be a charitable health and human service tax exempt organization or other United Way in the United States. See [www.uwcm.org](http://www.uwcm.org) for more details.

**LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY**  
**601 HAMMONDS LANE BALTIMORE, MD 21225**

Program/Agency name and address	<u>3055</u>	\$ <u>(AMOUNT)*</u>
	Directory code	Per Year
Program/Agency name and address	Directory code	\$ Per Year

Complete if you want to exclude a specific United Way Partner from receiving any part of your gift.  
Partner exclusion(s) \_\_\_\_\_

United Way of Central Maryland applies a fee of 17.5 percent on designations. The fee will not exceed \$375 for United Way Partners.

\* **Please note: Any amount less than \$50 will revert to United Way to use at its discretion -- the Mission Society will not receive any funds.**