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Illini Christian Ministries Gift Acceptance Policy

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ICM solicits and accepts gifts for purposes that will help the organization further and fulfill its mission to glorify God by restoring and empowering families.

ICM urges all prospective donors to seek the assistance of personal legal and financial advisors in matters relating to their gifts, including the resulting tax and estate planning consequences.

All decisions to solicit and/or accept potentially controversial gifts will be made by the Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with the Executive Director. The primary consideration will be the impact of the gift on the organization.

The following policies and guidelines govern acceptance of gifts made to ICM for the benefit of any of its operations, programs or services.

Use of Legal Counsel—ICM will seek the advice of legal counsel in matters relating to acceptance of gifts when appropriate. Review by counsel is recommended for:

- A. Gifts of securities that are subject to restrictions or buy-sell agreements.
- B. Documents naming ICM as trustee or requiring ICM to act in any fiduciary capacity.
- C. Gifts requiring ICM to assume financial or other obligations.
- D. Transactions with potential conflicts of interest.
- E. Gifts of property which may be subject to environmental or other regulatory restrictions.



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Restrictions on Gifts—ICM will not accept gifts that (a) would result in ICM violating its corporate charter, (b) would result in ICM losing its status as an IRC § 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, (c) are too difficult or too expensive to administer in relation to their value, (d) would result in any unacceptable consequences for ICM, or (e) are for purposes inconsistent with ICM's mission and values.

Gifts Generally Accepted Without Review

- **Cash** - Cash gifts are acceptable in any form, including by check, money order, credit card, electronic transfer or on-line payment.
- **Marketable Securities** - Marketable securities may be transferred electronically to an account maintained at one or more brokerage firms or delivered physically with the transferor's endorsement or signed stock power (with appropriate signature guarantees) attached. All marketable securities will be sold promptly upon receipt unless otherwise directed by ICM's Executive Committee and Executive Director. Funds may be distributed to operations or reinvested with the consultation of ICM's investment advisor. In some cases marketable securities may be restricted, for example, by applicable securities laws or the terms of the proposed gift; in such instances the decision whether to accept the restricted securities shall be made by the Executive Committee.
- **Bequests and Beneficiary Designations under Revocable Trusts, Life Insurance Policies, Commercial Annuities and Retirement Plans** - Donors are encouraged to make bequests to ICM (Illini Christian Ministries, Inc.) under their wills, and to name ICM (Illini Christian Ministries, Inc.) as the beneficiary under trusts, life insurance policies, commercial annuities and retirement plans.
- **Charitable Remainder Trusts.** ICM will accept designation as a remainder beneficiary of charitable remainder trusts.



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- **Charitable Lead Trusts.** ICM will accept designation as an income beneficiary of charitable lead trusts.

Gifts Accepted Subject to Prior Review—Certain forms of gifts or donated properties may be subject to review prior to acceptance. Examples of gifts subject to prior review include, but are not limited to:

- **Tangible Personal Property** - The Executive Committee shall review and determine whether to accept any gifts of tangible personal property in light of the following considerations: does the property further the organization's mission? Is the property marketable? Are there any unacceptable restrictions imposed on the property? Are there any carrying costs for the property for which the organization may be responsible? Is the title/provenance of the property clear?
- **Life Insurance** - ICM will accept gifts of life insurance where ICM is named as both beneficiary and irrevocable owner of the insurance policy. The donor must agree to pay, before due, any future premium payments owing on the policy.
- **Real Estate** - All gifts of real estate are subject to review by the Executive Committee. Prior to acceptance of any gift of real estate other than a personal residence, ICM may require an initial environmental review by a qualified environmental firm. In the event that the initial review reveals a potential problem, the organization may retain a qualified environmental firm to conduct an environmental audit. Considerations by the Executive Committee shall include: Is the property useful for the organization's purposes? Is the property readily marketable? Are there covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, encumbrances or other limitations associated with the property? Are there carrying costs (including insurance, property taxes, mortgages, notes, or the like) or maintenance expenses associated with the property? Does the environmental review or audit reflect that the property is damaged or otherwise requires remediation?