

Federal Income Tax Withholding Instructions for completing Substitute Form W-4-P Withholding Certificate for Periodic Annuity Distributions

Church Life Insurance Corporation (Church Life) can accommodate the election of federal income tax withholding on periodic annuity distributions from your annuity contract.

Cleric receiving distributions from 403(b) tax-deferred annuity

Federal income tax withholding is optional on distributions from your 403(b) tax-deferred annuity (i.e. RSVP, SVO, TSA). Therefore, if you do not return the Church Life Substitute Form W-4P withholding certificate for periodic 403(b) tax-deferred annuity distributions, no federal income taxes will be withheld from your distributions. Please be aware that this may result in an insufficient payment of your federal income tax liability and the IRS may impose interest and penalties for the underpayment of income tax.

However, if you wish to voluntarily elect federal income tax withholding, simply make the appropriate election within SECTION A of the Church Life Substitute Form W-4P withholding certificate for periodic 403(b) tax-deferred annuity distributions.

- If you choose to have a specific amount of federal income taxes withheld from your periodic 403(b) tax-deferred annuity distribution, please be sure to enter the “flat amount” and check the middle box on SECTION A of the form.
- If you choose to have federal income taxes withheld based on your marital status and your number of allowances, please choose the bottom box within SECTION A of the form and be sure to complete **both** Step 1, **Marital Status** and Step 2, **Number of Allowances**. You may also choose to have an additional amount of federal income taxes withheld from your periodic 403(b) tax-deferred annuity distributions.

Please note: Some clergy may find it easier to elect a specific “flat amount” of federal income tax to be withheld from each periodic 403(b) tax-deferred annuity distribution; this can be accomplished by completing the middle box on Section A of the form.

For more information on IRS withholding tables and instructions to IRS Form W-4P and the related worksheets, please visit irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4p.pdf. A paper copy of the IRS withholding tables, instructions, and related worksheets to IRS Form W-4P are available upon request by contacting Client Services at (866) 802-6333. For your convenience, a federal income tax calculator can be found at irs.gov/W4App.

Please note that it may take up to one or two payment cycles for the election to become effective, depending on when we receive the **Church Life Substitute Form W-4P**.

All Other Payees receiving distributions from an annuity—Lay, Surviving Spouse, Beneficiary, or Alternate Payee (including a clergy member who is receiving distributions from an annuity other than their 403(b) tax-deferred annuity or as a surviving spouse)

Please read these instructions carefully and make the appropriate federal income tax withholding election within SECTION B of the enclosed Church Life Substitute Form W-4P withholding certificate for periodic annuity distributions.

- If you do not want to have federal income taxes withheld from your periodic annuity distribution, check the top box within SECTION B of the form. You do not need to state a reason for a “no withholding” decision. However, if this election results in an insufficient payment of your federal income tax liability, the IRS may impose interest and penalties for the underpayment of income tax.
- If you do wish to have federal income taxes withheld from your periodic annuity distributions, check the bottom box within SECTION B of the form and complete both Step 1, **Marital Status** and Step 2, **Number of Allowances**. You may also choose to have an additional amount of federal income taxes withheld from your periodic annuity distributions.

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Return the Church Life Substitute Form W-4P withholding certificate with the other required forms provided in your package. Please be sure to include all necessary information such as your name, address, and Social Security number, as well as completion of the appropriate line(s). Once you have returned this form, it will remain in effect for this specific benefit until you change or revoke it in writing.

If you do not properly complete and return a Church Life Substitute Form W-4P withholding certificate for periodic annuity distributions, we will be required to withhold federal income taxes as if you were a married person claiming three (3) withholding allowances. As such, federal income taxes will be withheld if your expected taxable periodic annuity benefits for 2019 are equal to or greater than \$24,396. If you do not properly complete and return a Church Life Substitute Form W-4P withholding certificate for periodic annuity distributions and your expected taxable periodic annuity distributions for 2019 will be less than \$24,396, no federal income tax will be withheld.

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Note: Any periodic annuity distributions received by retired lay persons, surviving spouses, beneficiaries and alternate payees are not eligible for the clergy housing allowance exclusion.

Mandatory withholding on payments delivered outside the United States

The election to be exempt from federal income tax withholding does not apply to any periodic or non-periodic payment delivered outside the United States or its possessions to a U.S. citizen or resident alien.

We recommend that you consult your tax advisor before making any elections. While we cannot offer tax advice, our consultants are available to assist you at their toll-free numbers:

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If you have questions, please contact Client Services at (866) 802-6333, Monday – Friday, 8:30AM – 8:00PM ET (excluding holidays).

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