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# Reach your *financial goals*

A guide to planning for a more confident future

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# Let's talk about your life in retirement

What are your most important goals?

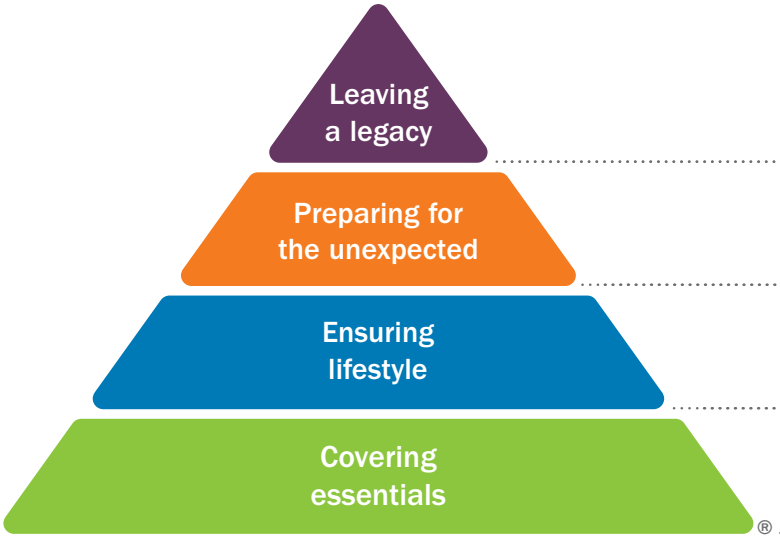
What are your biggest financial concerns?

What do you see changing in your future?

Now that we know what's most important, let's work together to develop a plan to help you achieve it.

# The *Confident Retirement*® approach

Our *Confident Retirement* approach can help ensure you're prepared for your financial future starting with your current situation. Together, you and your advisor identify actionable steps to help you bring your goals to life. The strategies you design together will address four key needs:




Legacy is about the impact you'll make on the people, charities and causes that are important to you. Plan now to maximize your giving and make your wishes known.

The unexpected are events that could derail your plans. Protect yourself from the certainty of uncertainty.

Lifestyle is about the things you want to do, and how you want to live, today and in the future. Build an investment strategy based on your specific goals.

Essentials are the necessities — the monthly expenses that keep your life running. Cover these expenses with guaranteed or stable income sources.

## Let's see where you are today and how to achieve what you want for tomorrow.

The *Confident Retirement* approach is not a guarantee of future financial results.

# Covering essentials

## Guaranteed or stable income sources can help cover your essential expenses.

- How do you anticipate covering your essential expenses?
- Are you aware of ways to help ensure income throughout your retirement?

### 1. Determine your estimated essential income needs:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Essential living expenses (incl. medical) | | Total income | |
| Effective average tax rate[1] | | Income allocated to essentials | |
| **Total essential expenses (incl. tax)[2]** | | **Essential gap/surplus (if any)[3]** | |

### 2. Possible solutions* to help cover essentials with guaranteed or stable income sources:

**Possible solutions[4]**

- Income annuity
- Government bond ladder
- Certificate of deposit strategy
- Variable annuity with withdrawal benefit rider

Other

**What we'll explore**

(e.g., maturities, required minimum distributions, laddering strategies)

### 3. Other considerations:

Are all of these expenses truly essential?

How long do you plan to continue working?

Are there other assets we could put to use now?

Additional options

[1] See back cover.
[2] Total essential expenses = Essential expense need ÷ (1 - Effective average tax rate)
[3] Essential gap/surplus = Available income - Income allocated to essential
[4] Guarantee, as used in this material, depends upon the ability of the issuing entity to honor and pay the amount you may be entitled to. U.S. Government bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Certificates of deposit are FDIC-insured up to $250,000 per depositor. Insurance and annuity products are not government-insured, and are backed only by the continued claims paying ability of the issuing company. It is possible that an issuing entity may not be financially able to meet income guarantee obligations.
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# Ensuring lifestyle

## Build a flexible investment and withdrawal plan to help ensure your lifestyle.

- How important is it to have money readily available for your lifestyle needs?
- Are you willing to change your lifestyle if your assets deplete too quickly?

### 1. Determine your lifestyle income need:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Desired lifestyle expenses | | Total income | |
| Effective average tax rate | | Income allocated to lifestyle | |
| **Total lifestyle expenses (incl. tax)[5]** | | **Lifestyle income gap (if any)[6]** | |

### 2. Determine your risk tolerance and withdrawal rate:

- Conservative ☐
- Moderately conservative ☐
- Moderate ☐
- Moderately aggressive ☐
- Aggressive ☐

**Desired withdrawal rate** ☐

**Lump sum needed** ☐

Lump sum needed = Lifestyle income gap ÷ (desired withdrawal rate ÷ 100)

### 3. Determine solutions* to help you achieve your lifestyle goals:

| Strategic Cash | Income Investments | Growth Investments |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| • Checking account | • Bonds/bond funds | • Stocks/equity-based funds |
| • High-yield savings | • Managed accounts (income) | • Managed accounts (growth) |
| • CDs/investment certificates | • Variable annuities with monitored withdrawals | • Alternative investments |
| Other | • Fixed annuities | • Variable annuities |
| | Other | • Variable universal life insurance |
| | | Other |

### 4. Other considerations:

Will your lifestyle change over time?

Are there other sources of income we haven't discussed?

Are there other assets to consider?

Additional options

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# Preparing for the unexpected

## Prepare for the certainty of uncertainty.

- What do you see as the biggest uncertainty in your retirement?
- Do you know of anyone who has encountered unexpected expenses in retirement due to accidents or long-term care costs?

**1. Determine the best way to cover potential long-term care needs:**

- Self-fund: accept risk; you pay all expenses ☐
- Rely on family support ☐
- Rely on Medicaid or other government insurance ☐
- Purchase insurance to help cover long-term/chronic care ☐

**2. Determine the best way to cover legal liability in the event of accidents involving your home or auto:**

- Self-fund: accept risk; you pay all expenses ☐
- Purchase an umbrella liability insurance policy ☐

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# Leaving a legacy


## Plan now. Smart giving is about control and leverage.

- How important is it to leave money for your family, charities or causes you believe in?
- Do you know how much of your estate could be subject to taxes?

### 1. Maintain control:

- Updated will in place? ☐
- Updated beneficiaries? ☐
- Recent health care directive? ☐
- Recent power of attorney? ☐
- Have you considered using trusts? ☐

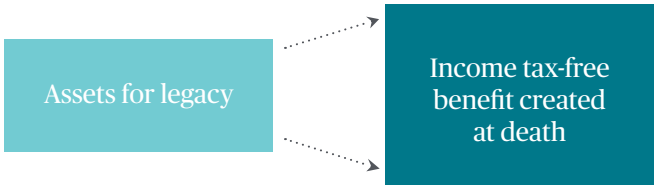
Do you have the right mix of taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free assets? ☐

Have you considered planned giving during retirement? ☐

Desired annual giving amount ☐

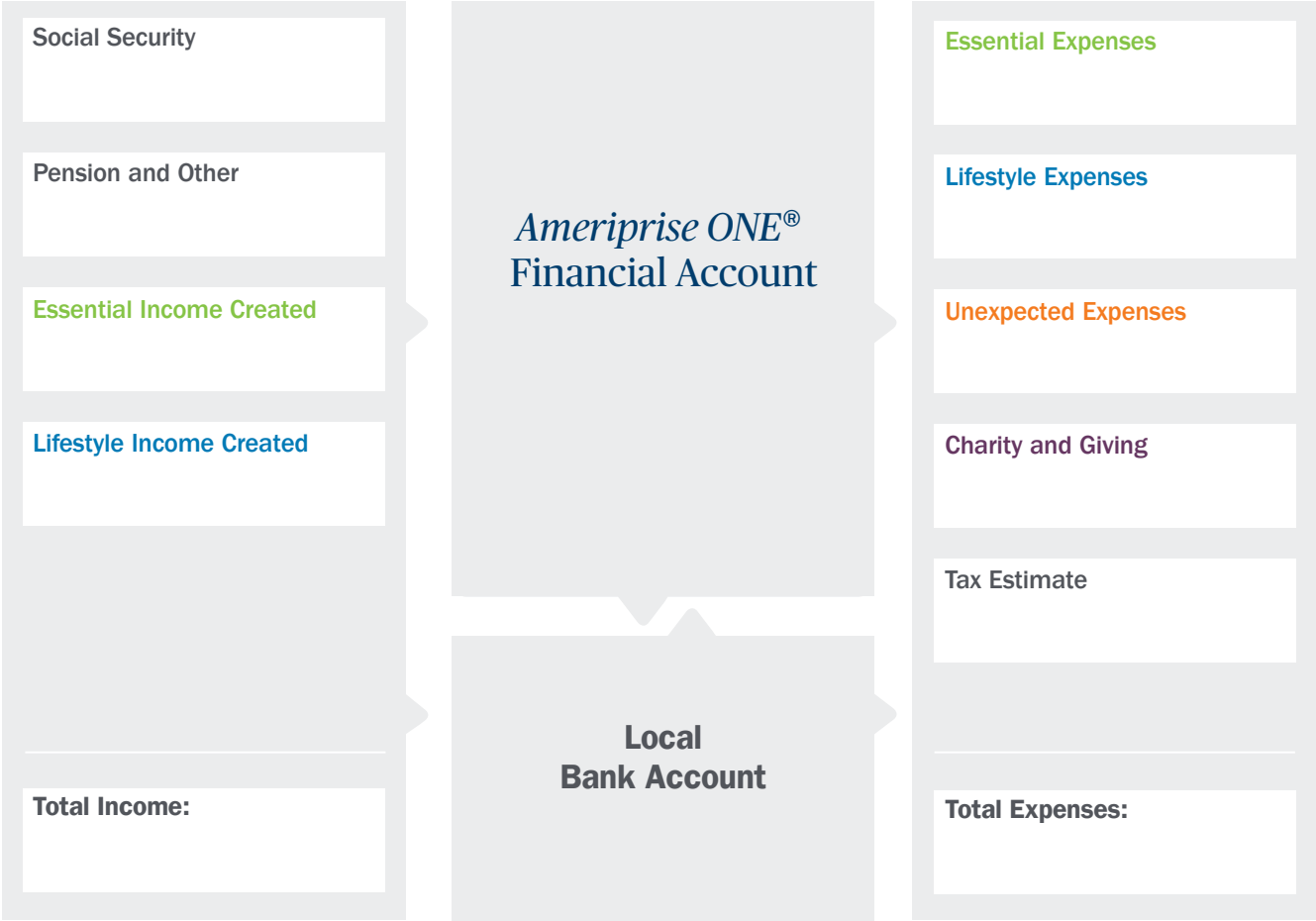
### 2. Leverage your assets:

- Current total life insurance death benefit ☐
- Additional assets you wish to leverage for future gifts ☐



# Bringing it all together

Now that we have a clear picture of what your retirement life will look like, let's focus on how to automatically manage your income to help make it happen.



# A summary of what we discussed today

You're on your way to a confident life – on your terms.

**Leaving a legacy**

**Preparing for the unexpected**

**Ensuring lifestyle**

**Covering essentials**

# Next steps

We've taken the first steps toward laying a foundation for your retirement. Now, on an ongoing basis, we'll revisit your needs as your situation changes. Together, we'll consider:

## Financial health

**Is my cash flow working out as expected?**

Potential topics: spending plan, cash reserves, Social Security options

## Investing efficiently

**Do I have the most optimal mix of asset classes for my situation?**

Potential topics: consolidation of assets, active management, diversification

## Protection and planning for uncertainty

**Do I have the appropriate insurance for this stage of my life?**

Potential topics: long-term care, life insurance, health care needs

## Managing my tax liability

**Am I doing all that I can to manage my tax liability now and in the future?**

Potential topics: tax structure of assets, withdrawal order, required minimum distribution considerations, Roth conversion

# Additional notes

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