

Ways to Give to College Church



COLLEGE CHURCH

Giving of our tithes and offerings is an integral part of our corporate worship because it is a unique expression of gratitude to God. When we give, we celebrate all that God has given for us, especially His incredible grace in our lives through the shedding of Christ's blood on the cross to reconcile us to Himself. God owns everything and when we give, we are simply giving back of portion of what He has entrusted to our managing. Giving to College Church also helps in our church life here at home, our care for others throughout the community, and our missions outreach around the world.

After you have determined what you will give, we have several methods which you may use to support the ministries and missions efforts of College Church.

- **Check.** One of the most common ways is by check. Contribution envelopes can be assigned to you for your use in depositing your check, or it can be dropped in the offering plate or dropped off or mailed to the church office. Envelope or not, contributions by check are automatically credited to your giving record, and a statement is sent to you in January listing each of the contributions made in the prior calendar year. If you would like a box of offering envelopes, simply e-mail Kathy Coder at kcoder@college-church.org.
- **Cash.** Sometimes cash is given, and if it is enclosed in a contribution envelope, it will also be credited to your giving record.
- **On-line.** More and more individuals are choosing the electronic method of making contributions on-line just like they are paying more of their bills on-line. With the security of your information of highest importance, you can rely upon our on-line giving site to set up a one-time, or recurring gift of whatever amount you choose, and however often you choose. The real advantage is that you may easily change your instructions at any time, whether it is dollar amount, timing or frequency of the designation. You are in complete control of the amount and timing of your donations. Click the on-line giving link at the bottom of the page. The church receives about 97% of your donation with the remainder paid as bank fees.
- **ACH.** Giving through the automated clearing house means setting up a recurring gift at your bank. Your bank transfers a pre-arranged set amount of money at a pre-arranged time each month and sends it electronically or by paper check to College Church. This method is a little less flexible than on-line giving because you need to contact your bank each time you need to change the dollar amount or timing, but the church receives 100% of your donation.
- **Gifts of Stocks or Mutual Funds.** There are a number of reasons to donate securities (stocks or mutual funds) which have grown in value since the time you acquired them. You should consult your tax adviser for advice. You may donate them directly to College Church by transferring them from your broker to the church's broker, which may give you tax advantage because College Church is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. There may also be small numbers of shares you own that you would rather move out of your portfolio, but would prefer not to handle all of the paperwork involved. College Church is pleased to be able to expedite those transactions for you. Please contact Nancy Singer or Deb Carlburg at 630-668-0878 for specific instructions.
- **Gifts through your Will.** Many people work with an estate attorney to write a Will and/or a Revocable Trust, citing what part of their estate they wish to be given at their death. College Church would count it a privilege for you to remember us as one of the beneficiaries of your estate. Monies given to College Church as a non-profit may save estate and inheritance taxes on the amount designated.
- **Memorial gifts.** You may request that gifts from others in memory of you at your death be made to College Church. Likewise, you may give to College Church gifts in honor of a loved one who has passed away, whether they attended the church or not. It is just one more way of making your gifts count toward Kingdom Work.