



## A presentation for church members

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## Before we begin

This presentation was prepared for use by many different congregations. It briefly describes the most popular types of donation methods available through the Simply Giving® Program. Since not all churches offer every possible method, please inquire about the specific options that are available to you.

## Overview

- What is Simply Giving®?
- Why participate in Simply Giving®?
- Getting started
- Frequently asked question

## What is Simply Giving®?

The Simply Giving® Program offers church members a convenient, safe, and simple way to make regular church offerings without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes.

Simply Giving® works the same as the automatic payment methods used by most families to make mortgage or utility payments—and to receive payroll earnings or social security income.

**More than 6,000 churches and institutions currently participate in the program.**



## Why participate in Simply Giving®?

- **It's good for you!**
- **Provides convenience for you**  
There is no need to write checks or bring cash to church when contributions are made automatically. Your contributions are transmitted electronically and are deposited directly into the church bank account.
- **Keeps you on track with stewardship commitments**  
Scheduled, automated offerings prevent you from falling behind on financial pledges.
- **Guarantees you're your uninterrupted support**  
Even the most committed churchgoer will occasionally miss service—and weekly offerings— due to illness, poor weather or vacation.

## Why participate in Simply Giving®?

- Provides you with today's most popular payment methods  
Many families—especially young families—rarely write checks or carry cash
- It's good for the church
- Provides much-needed donation consistency for our church
  - Seasonal donation slump is reduced
  - Financial forecasting is improved
  - Planning can proceed with confidence

## Why participate in Simply Giving®?

- **Saves church staff time**  
As the effort required to process cash and check donations decreases the efficient use of staff time increases!
- **Adds greater security in the church office**  
Reduced handling of checks and cash
- **Has a positive impact on the environment**  
Donating electronically reduces the amount of natural resources consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks.

## Getting Started

1. Complete an authorization form — available online or at the church
2. Select a payment method—checking or savings account

\*For security purposes, do not send the authorization form through email – deliver or mail to the church office.





## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How do automatic contributions work?**

**A:** No matter which donation method you use, you will be asked to select a payment method, start date, frequency and contribution amount. On the date(s) scheduled, donations will be processed and deposited into the church's bank account.

**Q: When will my contribution be processed?**

**A:** Your contribution will be processed each month on the date(s) you authorize.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What can I use to show I made a donation?**

**A:** The itemized list of electronic transaction that appears on your bank statement can be used as proof of your donations.

**Q: How safe is Electronic Giving?**

**A:** It is safer than writing checks or carrying cash to church. Secure donation services are provided by Vanco Services, LLC. Vanco processes electronic donations for more than 15,000 churches and nonprofit organizations.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How can I still participate in the offering during services?**

**A:** You can still display a symbolic act of giving by either writing “I give electronically” on the outside of the envelope or by contacting the church office to request an “I give electronically” card to drop into the offering plate.

**Q: What if I need to cancel or temporarily place my donation on hold?**

**A:** You can cancel or suspend donations by notifying the church.

Thank you for considering the  
**Simply Giving® Program**  
and for your continued support!



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