

## WHY DO WE GIVE?

The word “tithe” literally means tenth (10%). In the Bible, people are instructed to give a tithe in response to God’s provision. This also serves as a reminder that God has blessed us with everything that we have. Tithing is an act of both worship and faith that demonstrates God is first in our lives. In our Sunday worship services, we include a time where we give our tithes and offerings in obedience to God’s instruction.

*“Give to the Lord the glory He deserves!  
Bring your offering and come into his presence.  
Worship the Lord in all His holy splendour.”*

1 Chronicles 16:29

## HOW CAN I GIVE?

Your gift can be made by giving cash or by cheque in our Sunday worship services. You can also give through our App via credit card. There is also the option of setting up automatic monthly giving through a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) agreement. Please fill out a PAD Agreement form if you would like to set up this option.

## ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

We do our best to be wise stewards of the funds generously given to God through our church. Our church leadership and finance committee work with our ministry teams to provide direction for our finances. Additionally, every year our church has an independent financial review that is presented to our church membership at the Annual General Meeting. For information about giving and finances at Deer Park, please contact the church office.



# GIVING

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*Proverbs 3:9*

## HOW DO I FILL OUT AN OFFERING ENVELOPE?

There are 2 parts to the offering envelope. The first part is ensuring that we have the giver's complete information for receipting purposes. The first time you fill out an envelope, please include all your contact information. If you want to know your "Giving Number", please contact the church. Once you have this number, simply write your giving number on the envelope. This allows for a greater degree of both receipting accuracy and privacy as you give.

Secondly, simply designate how you would like your offering to be used. The funds are DPAC MINISTRIES, MISSIONS, or OTHER approved projects. This brochure further explains how these funds are used.

### MY OFFERING

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Giving #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use my gift as follows:

**DPAC MINISTRIES Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSIONS Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(OTHER Approved Projects)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(OTHER Approved Projects)

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Cheque

If you do not have a giving number, please provide the following information for receipting purposes:

## DPAC MINISTRIES Fund

The DPAC MINISTRIES Fund is the *general fund* that provides for all our ministries and operating expenses to keep us *going and growing* as a church. Without the generous people of DPAC giving their tithes to this fund, we would not be able to provide all the ministries we do. This fund is divided into 6 main categories:

**Tithe** - As a church, we desire to model the principle of tithing 10% of what we receive. 3% goes to our Western Canadian District of the C&MA to promote initiatives within our province. 7% goes to the Global Advance Fund at the National Ministry Centre to provide for our C&MA International Workers.

**Ministries** - Every year the many different ministries of our church put together a budget (with the help of the finance committee) that reflects the plans we believe God wants to accomplish through each ministry area. These ministry plans are prayerfully considered by the church leadership and presented to the church membership at our Annual General Meeting.

**Staffing** - This includes salary and benefits for all our staff. It also provides for professional development, conferences, and pastoral visitation.

**Admin** - Office supplies and other overhead costs such as website, insurance, bank and accounting fees.

**Facilities** - Utilities, maintenance costs, and custodial supplies are all included in this category.

**Capital** - Major renovations and capital equipment purchases come from this category.

## MISSIONS Fund

Giving to the MISSIONS Fund allows our church to generously support those who are going to all nations. As funds are donated, we are able to make a greater difference in the world through our partnerships with these individuals and organizations. When you give to the Missions Fund, resources are dispersed to provide for the following needs:

**DPAC International Workers** - Our church commits to giving a set monthly amount to these individuals.

**Global Advance Fund** - Supports the over 200 Canadian Alliance International Workers.

**Canadian Ministries** - We also give an annual amount to those who are training the next generation of missionaries. This includes Ambrose University College and our Chinese Alliance seminary.

**Short Term Missions** - As opportunities arise and funds are available, we provide support for people from our church going on STM trips.

## OTHER Approved Projects

On the lines provided, you may also designate funds according to special projects approved by the church leadership. Throughout the year, these special approved projects are made known to the congregation. (This may include helping with a global emergency, a special need for an international worker, a short term missions team from our church, or a special project within our church).

In addition, the following designations are available for ongoing special gifts:

**CARE Fund** - On our monthly communion Sundays, we have a separate offering for the Care Fund. This fund primarily helps out with individual benevolent needs in our community and church family.

**Special Projects** - These may be church ministries related or missions related.

You may give to a specific **DPAC International Worker** above what is provided from the Missions Fund.

*Giving to non-approved individuals or other Christian organizations must go directly to those charities and not through DPAC in keeping with CRA guidelines. If you have questions about approved projects, please contact the church.*