

FOR  THE
KINGDOM

Generosity
Guide





GENEROSITY GUIDE

Dear Church Family,

Our desire is to reflect the generosity of God in all aspects of our lives. So as we begin this campus expansion project we are calling For The Kingdom, we offer this guide as a simple tool for those interested in how they can be involved in this journey. This is merely a suggestion for those who might need assistance. We look forward to where God is leading us into the future.

Most people want to give to a vision but don't know how to determine what amount to give. The three simple questions below are designed to help you make a healthy spiritual decision related to making a pledge gift beyond your regular giving. Take time to work through each question, work through it with your spouse and family.

1. WHAT CAN I REASONABLY GIVE?

Many of us can and want to give something. If giving is a part of your regular rhythm, you may even have a pre-determined amount that you generally give above your current regular level of giving. Complete the statement below based on what you could reasonably give each month.

I could reasonably give \$ _____ a month from my budget.

Place that amount in the blank below and multiply by 36 to find your total 3-year pledge.

_____ (monthly amount)
x _____ 36 months
= _____ (total gift)

2. WHAT COULD I RE-PRIORITIZE AND THEN BE ABLE TO GIVE?

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
—Matthew 6:21, NIV

A PLAN FOR CREATIVE GIVING

| POTENTIAL RESOURCES | WEEKLY | YEARLY | 3 YEARS |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Eliminate 1 meal out per week | \$35 | \$1,820 | \$5,460 |
| Eliminate 1 coffee out per week | \$4 | \$208 | \$624 |
| Eliminate 1 rented movie per week | \$6 | \$312 | \$936 |
| Reduce entertainment shopping | | \$500 | \$1,500 |
| Reduce vacation budget | | \$300 | \$900 |
| Garage sale income | | \$200 | \$600 |
| Spare change each day | \$5 | \$260 | \$780 |
| Increase cash giving | \$50 | \$2,600 | \$7,200 |
| TOTAL 3 YEARS | | | \$17,000 |

What stands out to you? What could you re-prioritize?
 Now complete your own Plan for Creative Giving.

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| POTENTIAL RESOURCES | WEEKLY | YEARLY | 3 YEARS |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Eliminate 1 meal out per week | | | |
| Reduce entertainment shopping | | | |
| Delay car purchase | | | |
| Increase cash giving | | | |
| Other: _____ | | | |
| Other: _____ | | | |
| Other: _____ | | | |
| TOTAL 3 YEARS | | | |

Now that you have considered what you could reasonably give, it is time to consider what you could give if you re-prioritize. Take a moment and review the chart, A Plan for Creative Giving.

Through re-prioritizing, I could creatively give \$_____ a month.

Total your new monthly amounts and multiply them by 36 to find your total 3-year pledge.

_____ (monthly amount)
x _____ 36 months
= _____ (total gift)

3. WHAT COULD I RELY ON GOD FOR IN AN EXERCISE OF FAITH?

Now it's time to exercise bold faith. If you have determined what you could give based on your current financial circumstances and now you have gotten creative and discovered a few things you can re-prioritize and even give more, what could you through God's provision dream of giving?

Place that amount in the blank provided. This amount represents your total pledge. Once you have prayed about this, prayed with your family and confirmed that God is leading you to this commitment, you will want to complete your commitment card as you prepare for Commitment Sunday.

My / Our Commitment: _____

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