

## The Bible on Stewardship

Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)

*Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has Blessed you.*

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;*

Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV)

*But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

*... we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

1 Corinthians 10:26 (NIV)

*... The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.*

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithful administering of God's grace in its various forms.*

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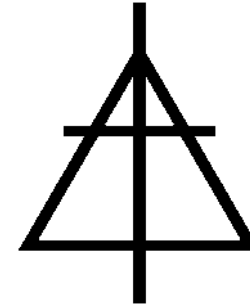
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# GIVING GUIDE

2024

## Our Vision

Our church participates in God's great mission in the world – the redemption of His whole creation:

Our worship services enable people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to glorify God while being motivated and equipped for His service;

We intentionally reach out to our immediate community with a special emphasis on refugees and immigrants;

Our ministries foster fellowship and discipleship; encourage growth and help members discover and use the fruits and gifts the Holy Spirit has entrusted to them.

## CRC Shares

This year, CRC Shares will be collected the same way as last year. CRC Shares will still be collected once a month (refer to the offering schedule on the last page for dates).

***If this alters your Electronic Funds Transfer amounts, please notify the Treasurer.***

CRC Shares have evolved since they were first implemented. Today, Maranatha's contributions to CRC Shares are a combination of these four groups:

**Thrive:** You will notice Thrive in brackets behind some collections. Multiple ministries within the CRC have combined to form "Thrive." The collection will still be designated for the specific ministry noted, but within the umbrella of Thrive.

**Denominational:** Back to God Ministries International, Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Resonate Global Mission (Formerly World Missions & Home Missions), Denominational and synodical services, Safe Church Ministry, Canadian Ministries, Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Disability Concerns, Pastor Church Resources, Race Relations, The Office of Social Justice

*Of particular note, World Renew does not receive funding through CRC Shares.*

**Classical (Classis Alberta North):** Classis Services, Student Fund, Campus Ministry, Classis Home Missions, Youth Ministry, Pastor-Church Resources, Cuba Connection, Healthy Church, Safe Church, NADC, Prayer Summit

**Diaconal Ministries Canada (formerly part of NADC):** Equips deacons; Strategizes with churches to engage their communities; Provides grants through Operation Manna to start new ministries / programs; Provides tools to increase the capacity of churches and other ministries; Develops resources for deacons and churches for free; Connects diaconates and churches across Canada. Visit <https://diaconalministries.com/about-us/> for more information.

**King's University:** Supports the operations of 'The King's University' to keep the tuition as low as possible and offers scholarships to students. The churches in Western Canada direct a portion of their ministry shares to 'The King's University,' rather than to 'Calvin College,' so that local students may benefit. This is very much appreciated by King's students, faculty and staff.

**Foundation for His Ministry** is a mission whose purpose is to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end, they share and demonstrate God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit by meeting basic spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs of those in Mexico and beyond.

**Honduras Water Project** is a partnership of the NADC, World Renew, and the King's University which provides an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge by helping bring running water to impoverished people in Honduras.

**Office of Social Justice** helps CRC members to love our neighbors in tangible ways; providing resources to learn about the root causes of poverty, hunger, and oppression, and empowering the church to call on those in power to improve systems and enact just public policy.

**One Book** works to transform communities through language development, Bible Translation, mother-tongue literacy initiatives, and functional literacy programs.

**Operation Manna** is a program of Diaconal Ministries Canada. For more than 35 years, Operation Manna has provided funding and consultation in support of local community ministries.

**Pastor-Church Resources** advocates for healthy relationships between congregations, pastors and staff. Manages ministerial and church profiles in the search process, credentialing for non-ordained staff, endorsement of Specialized Transition Ministers, and provides direct consultation in times of crisis.

**Power to Change** is a campus ministry at the U of A where they help students discover Jesus and equip them for a lifetime of ministry.

**Race Relations** promotes antiracism and racial reconciliation within our congregations, our institutions of higher learning, and our agencies

**Resonate Global Mission** brings the Gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches and the world to embolden them in participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

**Safe Church Ministry** creates awareness of the various forms of abuse that affect all age groups. It encourages churches and communities to prevent abuse and to respond justly and effectively following disclosure of an incident of abuse.

**Voice of the Martyrs** is an organization dedicated to serving our persecuted family worldwide through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the body of Christ into fellowship with them.

**Wycliffe Bible Translators** assist indigenous communities in a variety of linguistic-related tasks such as devising an alphabet, analyzing the grammar and sound patterns, and producing print or audio materials.

**Therefore Go Ministries** is committed to seeing the local church youth ministry succeed in reaching youth with the dynamic power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They offer a variety of resources, service opportunities, special events and leadership training.

## Our Ministries

The **Maranatha Ministries Fund** covers the basic costs of sustaining our local congregation; staff salaries, office supplies, utilities, operation expenses, maintenance and insurance; as well as worship supplies, resources and books for our education programs.

The **Maranatha Missions Fund** supports our sponsored missionaries abroad as well as members of our congregation participating in ministry and outreach.

Through the **Maranatha Refugee Fund** we address poverty and suffering by sponsoring refugee families and individuals in our community. We help them orientate to a new life in Canada as well as provide a home and financial support for period of one or two years.

The **Benevolent Fund** is an avenue through which Maranatha's deacons are able to provide help and support to those who are in need, whether they are from our church or community family.

The **GEMS** program is for girls ages 7-11. They participate in crafts, stories and other fun activities while learning about God and the Bible.

**Calvinist Cadet Corps** is a club to "help boys grow to be more Christ-like in all areas of their lives" through the work of counsellors "sharing the joy and wisdom of Christ-like living."

## Some of the Specific Causes.

**Reframe Ministries** proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide through the strategic use of media that effectively communicates Christ within international cultures.

**Chaplaincy and Care Ministry** consists of more than 150 chaplains bringing the presence of God into institutional settings, such as prisons, hospitals, hospice, long-term care, counseling centers, industrial and workplace and military installations.

**Cuban Connection** is an official committee of Classis, but not funded by Classis, the Cuban Connection committee uses donations to supply Cuban pastors with Spanish literature and various projects for the poor of Cuba.

**Disability Concerns** seeks to bring about the full participation of all the people with disabilities in the life of the church and the full participation of the church in the lives of people with disabilities.

## Meeting Our Obligations

This year, instead of having a "Meet the Budget" offering twice a year, it will be now called "Meeting Our Obligations." This offering is designed to support either our Budget or CRC Shares depending on which is behind. An offering announcement will be made for whether it will be for the Budget or CRC Shares prior to the date of the offering.

## By the Numbers...

This year a total of \$293,327 will be needed to carry out all of our planned ministries.

**Maranatha has also committed** to contribute \$26,850 to CRC Shares for 2023, broken out as:

- Denominational - \$17,000
- Classis Ministry Shares - \$5,500
- Diaconal Ministries Canada - \$450
- King's University - \$3,900

For our spiritual well-being, according to 2 Corinthians 8:2, we need to learn how to give generously, thankfully with our hearts open to God's work of grace in our lives. And verse three encourages us to give proportionally to how the Lord has blessed us. That is not a flat rate for everyone. We are invited to give as we "are able." Further, we are invited to consider giving sacrificially when it goes on to say, "... and even beyond their ability."

Please also consider donating to these ministries through their websites.

## Ways to Donate

**Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)** is one way to schedule automatic monthly contributions. If you would like to change your existing PAD plan or start a new one, you can find the 'PAD form' on our website under the 'Resources' tab. If you would like an individual form please talk to the Treasurer or one of the deacons.

**Tokens** (prepaid offering vouchers) can be purchased in denominations of \$2, \$3, \$5, and \$10. To purchase tokens, please see the deacons downstairs 15 minutes prior or right after the service. Please note that 2023 tokens will not be accepted after the end of the year.

**Giving Envelopes** are provided to every member, with one envelope for each Sunday (additional envelopes are available in the church pews). Cheques or cash can be used in the envelopes. Gifts placed in the first offering basket will go into the general fund unless another cause is designated on the envelope.

**The Bridge App** is an online giving service. After you download the app you will be asked which church you belong to, and once approval has been given, you will be able to do online giving (either one-time or scheduled). If you do not want to download the app, you can give by going directly to: <https://crc.etadvance.com/churches/maranatha-crc-edmonton/donate>

## 2023 Offering Schedule

	DATE	AM
January	07	ThereforeGo Ministries
	14	Reframe Ministries
	21	Maranatha Benevolent Fund
	28	Cadets
February	04	Wycliffe Bible Translators
	11	<b>CRC Shares</b>
	18	Voice of the Martyrs
	25	World Renew Foodgrains Bank
March	03	Edmonton Christian Schools
	10	Pastor Church Resources (Thrive)
	17	<b>CRC Shares</b>
	24	Calvin Theological Seminary
	29	Special Cause TBD
	31	Resonate Global Mission
April	07	World Renew Free a Family
	14	Safe Church Ministries (Thrive)
	21	Power to Change
	28	Gems
May	05	<b>Meet Our Obligations</b>
	12	Mustard Seed
	19	Diaconal Ministries Canada
	26	<b>CRC Shares</b>
June	02	Foundation for His Ministry
	09	Seafarers Ministry
	16	Refugee Fund
	23	Indigenous Ministries
	30	<b>CRC Shares</b>

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	DATE	AM
July	07	Raise Up Global Ministries
	14	World Renew Disaster Relief
	21	One Book
	28	<b>CRC Shares</b>
August	04	Kings University
	11	Resonate Global Mission
	18	Office of Social Justice
	25	<b>CRC Shares</b>
September	01	Calvin University
	08	Mission Sunday
	15	Cuban Connection
	22	<b>CRC Shares</b>
	29	<b>Meet Our Obligations</b>
October	06	Race Relations (Thrive)
	13	Rehoboth
	14	World Renew Foodgrains Bank
	20	Disability Concerns (Thrive)
	27	<b>CRC Shares</b>
November	03	World Renew World Hunger
	10	Honduras Water Project
	17	Chaplaincy and Care Ministry (Thrive)
	24	<b>CRC Shares</b>
December	01	<b>Meet Our Obligations</b>
	08	Emmanual Home
	15	Hope Mission
	22	<b>CRC Shares</b>
	25	World Renew
	29	Edmonton Food Bank

Second offering basket listed – first basket is for Maranatha Ministries Fund.  
Offering schedule may change if other needs arise during the course of the year.