

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 firstfruits 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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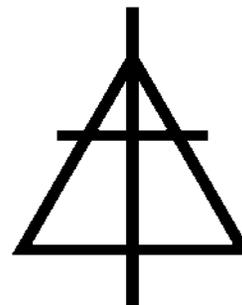
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GIVING GUIDE

2019

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.

Ministry Shares

Again this year, there is a change in the way we collect our offerings. The first collection every Sunday morning will no longer include Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares will now be collected once a month as the second offering (refer to the offering schedule on pages 4 & 5 for dates).

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

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

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 Ministry 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 diaconalministries.com/e-quip-blog/about-us/diaconal-ministry-shares/ 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.

OneBook 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 (Lesley & Dustin Zuidhof) 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.

Youth Unlimited 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.

Some of the Specific Causes

Aboriginal Ministries supports healing and reconciliation between Aboriginal peoples and non-Aboriginal people in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all creation and in the understanding that we all have gifts to offer one another.

Back to God Ministries International proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide through the strategic use of media that effectively communicates Christ within international cultures.

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."

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.

By the Numbers...

This year a total of \$304,984 will be needed to carry out all of our planned ministries.

Ministry Shares "per member" contributions are presented within the budget. Maranatha is required to contribute \$95,907 to Ministry Shares for 2019, broken out as:

- Denominational - \$61,057 or 64%
- Classical (Classis Alberta North) - \$19,464 or 20%
- Diaconal Ministries Canada (formerly part of NADC) - \$1,592 or 2%
- King's University - \$13,794 or 14%

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."

Due to the loss of the evening service this year, there are a number of ministries that have either been removed from the offering list, or have fewer collections than normal. Please consider donating to these ministries through their websites.

Ways to Donate

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is one way to schedule automatic monthly contributions. If you would like to change your existing EFT 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) are available for purchase in denominations of \$2, \$3, \$5, and \$10. To purchase tokens, please see the deacons downstairs during the times posted on the photocopy room door.

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.

2019 Offering Schedule

	DATE	AM
January	06	Maranatha Benevolent Fund
	13	Wycliffe Bible Translators
	20	Ministry Shares
	27	Church Plant – The Bridge
February	03	Maranatha Missions Fund
	10	Voice of the Martyrs
	17	Edmonton Christian Schools
	24	Ministry Shares
March	03	WR ¹ Foodgrains Bank / Disaster Response
	10	Mosaic Center
	17	Calvin Theological Seminary
	24	WR ¹ Free A Family
	31	Ministry Shares
April	07	Maranatha Refugee Fund
	14	Ministry Shares
	19	OneBook
	21	Rehoboth
	28	Maranatha GEMS
May	05	Meet the Budget
	12	Seafarers Ministry
	19	Diaconal Ministries (Operation Manna)
	26	Ministry Shares
June	02	Back to God MI ¹
	09	Resonate Global Mission
	16	Aboriginal Ministries
	23	King's University
	30	Ministry Shares

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	DATE	AM
July	07	Maranatha Missions Fund
	14	Maranatha Benevolent Fund
	21	Rehoboth
	28	Special Cause/Disaster
August	04	Edmonton Christian Schools
	11	Pastor-Church Resources
	18	CRC Annual Day of Justice
	25	Ministry Shares
September	01	Cuban Connection
	08	Emmanuel Home
	15	Resonate Global Mission
	22	Ministry Shares
	29	Power to Change
October	06	Mustard Seed
	13	Foundation for His Ministry
	14	World Renew
	20	Disability Concerns
	27	Ministry Shares
November	03	WR ¹ World Hunger
	10	Honduras Water Project
	17	Mosaic Center
	24	Ministry Shares
December	01	Meet The Budget
	08	Calvin College
	15	Ministry Shares
	22	Mustard Seed
	25	World Renew
	29	Maranatha Refugee Fund

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.

¹ MI = Ministries International | WR = World Renew