

Maranatha Christian Reformed Church

Maranatha Offerings

Where does your giving go?

Why do we give?

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Collections:

- Maranatha has two separate collections every Sunday morning
- The **Number 1** collection is always for **Maranatha Ministries/Budget**
- The **Number 2** collection changes every week and is for a **Special Cause**
- The **deacons** are responsible for collecting offerings as well as setting the collection schedule for **Special Causes (Number 2)**

Maranatha Ministries/Budget (Number 1)

- The Number 1 collection is **always** for Maranatha Ministries/Budget
- The Budget is drafted by the Finance and Administration Committee
 - Approved by Council and then at the congregational meeting
 - Maranatha's 2019 Budget is approximately \$209,000
- The Maranatha Ministries/Budget collection covers the yearly operating costs of the church including:
 - Salaries (pastor, administration, custodian...)
 - Utilities (power, heat, sewage...)
 - Maintenance (snow removal, carpet cleaning, repairs...)
 - Programs (Sunday school, GEMS, VBS, books, photocopier...)

Special Cause (Number 2)

- The Number 2 collection is collected for the **Special Cause of that Sunday** (it will be shown in the bulletin and the previous Sunday's bulletin)
- The giving schedule is found in your annual giving guide (please request one from a deacon if you do not have one)
- If you would like to know more about a particular cause, or would like to request a cause for collection, please contact a deacon.
- On **one Sunday** of every month, the number 2 collection will be for CRC **Ministry Shares**

What are Ministry Shares?

- Since its earliest days, the CRC has encouraged congregations and members to combine their funds in order to provide shared ministry that benefits us all (like taxes)
- This system is called Ministry Shares and is a stewardly and cost-effective way of providing a solid foundation for our denomination
- Ministry Shares are divided into various CRC programs such as:
 - Back to God Ministries
 - Calvin College/Seminary
 - Resonate Global Mission
 - Cuba Connection
 - Aboriginal Ministries
 - Disability Concerns
 - World Renew
 - Many more... Ask a deacon
- Maranatha's 2019 commitment is approximately \$96,000

How to Give

- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, token, or EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
- Every year donation envelopes are delivered to members
 - These envelopes have a unique number that identifies the giving member
- Direct Bank Transfers (ETFs) can be set up with the Treasurer (Ron Hagens) for recurring donations
- Third-quarter and yearend donation statements are given to members as well as an annual tax receipt

Envelopes

On any particular Sunday, if you would like to use your envelope to give to both causes and/or any other cause(s), please specify the cause on the appropriate line and amount for each cause. If using a pew envelope, please write your name and full address or use your unique envelope number. Please indicate causes as shown below. Contributions from unmarked envelopes will go to the designated cause.

Maranatha Christian Reformed Church EDMONTON, ALBERTA	
Maranatha Ministries	\$ <u>X</u>
Special Cause <u>Ministry Shares</u>	\$ <u>Y</u>
<u>Cause A</u>	\$ <u>A</u>
<u>Cause B</u>	\$ <u>B</u>
Total	\$ <u>X+Y+A+B</u>
<small>Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand.</small>	

Please make all cheques payable to **Maranatha CRC**, whether for Budget, a Special Cause or purchasing tokens.

“Those who have been given much, much more is asked.” *Luke 12:48*

Together in Christ,
Maranatha Deacons.