

# INVESTING IN ETERNITY

## Planned Giving 2023/2024

### **GUIDELINES FOR GIVING**

The financial support of gospel ministry at Christ Church Tygerberg is entirely dependent upon the voluntary giving of our church family and friends. It is true that giving of our time, energy & talents are all part of responding to the Lord, but the Bible also speaks specifically about giving of our finances. The aim of this leaflet is to help you work out what this means for you in practice.



**Christ Church Tygerberg**

Proclaiming God's Word. Preparing God's People.  
Prompted by love. Persevering in love.

## **Step 1:** **HOW MUCH TO GIVE?**

### **The principle**

In the Old Testament, God's people gave a tenth of their produce to God in response to his generous blessings to them. It was to be given generously with much rejoicing, not legalistically or begrudgingly (Numbers 18 Deuteronomy 12, 14, 26; 2 Chronicles 31; Malachi 3).

Having received the tithe from Israel, God then redirects it to this work – to the Priests & Levites, as well as to those in need, such as widows & orphans.

In the New Testament, believers are still called to give in response to God's generous blessings to us.

We have received God's ultimate generosity to us in the death of this Son, who though he was rich, for our sakes became poor so that through his poverty we might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9) If we truly understand the gospel, we will cheerfully give as much as we can, and even beyond our ability. (2 Corinthians 8 & 9)

### **How much should I give?**

A tenth is a good starting point, but it should be the starting point for considering how generous we can be rather than a legalistic figure to limit ourselves.

The more fundamental question to ask is: How much have I received from God?

## **Step 2:** **TO WHOM TO GIVE?**

### **The principle**

In the Old Testament, the tithe was channelled to those who needed it – to the Priests & Levites who had no other source of income because of their duties and to the poor of the land. We see a similar pattern in the New Testament. Christian giving is directed to meeting the needs of those who labour amongst us in the Lord, as well as towards the poor. As Paul puts it in Galatians 6:6 "Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches" and then a few verses later : "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."



## **Step 3 : HOW MUST WE GIVE?**

### **Our giving should be willing and cheerful**

There are 3 types of giving: I have to, I ought to or I want to – 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "God loves a cheerful giver."

### **Our giving should be thoughtful, systematic, proportionate and planned**

This is the principle found in 1 Corinthians 16:2, "On the first day of the week each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income."

### **Our giving should be generous**

2 Corinthians 9:6 says, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

### **Our giving should be sacrificial**

2 Samuel 24:24 says, "But then king David replied, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that costs me nothing."

Our giving should be secret as Jesus said in Matthew 6:2-4, "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets... But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

## **Step 4: THE METHOD TO GIVE?**

### **1. Cash Deposit**

You can deposit cash into the church bank account.

### **2. EFT**

You can transfer money directly into the church bank account via the Internet.

### **3. SnapScan**

### **4. Occasional Gifts**

You may be in a position from time to time to make once-off donations over and above your regular giving

### **5. Legacies**

You can include the church in your will.

## Step 5 : PLAN YOUR GIVING

1. Our budget for the next year includes:

- Rector
- Cross Central Church Subsidy
- Church Administrator
- Apprentice
- Staff appointments

The budget also includes:

- 10% REACH SA levy
- 10 % Missions & Mercy
- Ministry allocation
- Various ministry and operational expenses
- Partner churches

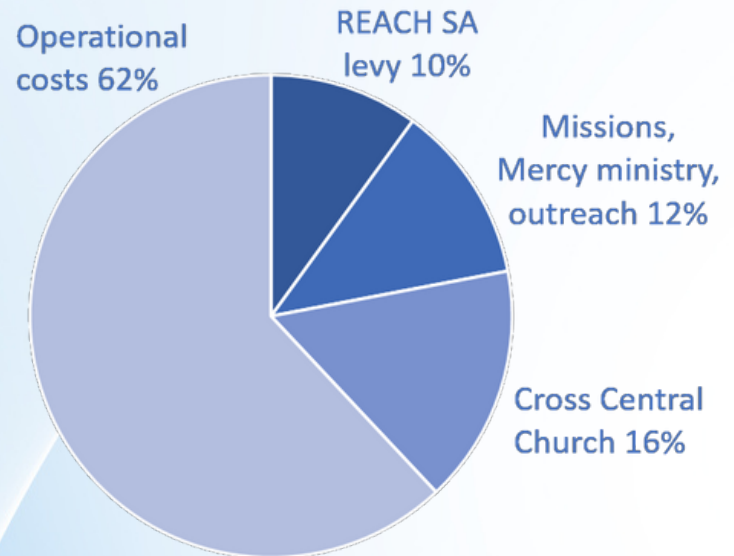
2. We have carefully considered all expenses and that these are reasonable and well-managed.

3. Please prayerfully consider what you would like to give each month.

Please don't hesitate to contact our treasurer, Dewald Fry, if you have any questions about the information provided.

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## HOW WILL WHAT I GIVE BE SPENT?



The church's budget as presented at the AGM (Annual General Meeting).

All members of the church are encouraged to attend this meeting.

### CCT BANKING DETAILS

Bank : Standard Bank

Name of account : Christ Church Tygerberg

Savings Account no. 374 181 861

Branch Code (Universal): 051001

SWIFT Code : SBZAJJ



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