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# **GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY**

### **at *(Congregation Name)***

With your help, *(Insert Church Name)* will continue to be the church in *(insert community name)* even if we aren't in the same physical location. Your willingness to invest your time, talents, and financial resources in being church together matters - your generosity matters! Use this guide to giving options to help you consider ways in which you can share a gift and make an impact.

### **Mail a Check**

*(Insert Church Name)* will not be passing an offering plate for the next several weeks, but our ministry continues. You can share your offering gift by placing a check in the mail. Send your check to:

*(Church Name)*

*(Church mailing Address)*

*(City, State, Zip)*

### **Online Giving through *(Congregation Name)*'s Website**

*(Congregation Name)* receives giving digitally – through bank draft or debit/credit card payment – by way of *(Vanco/Tithe.ly/Other)*. You can make a one-time gift through the site or you can create a recurring gift. You can visit *(Congregation Name)*'s giving page at: *(Insert Link to Website Donation Page)*

### **Online Bill Pay through your Bank**

Most online banks offer a free service called "Online Bill Pay." You can arrange for your bank to send a check to *(Congregation Name)* through the mail on a one-time or recurring basis. Setting up a recurring payment can be a helpful tool in the joy and discipline of consistent giving.

### **Give Stocks Directly**

Donating appreciated stocks can be beneficial to both the stockholder and the gift recipient. Talk to your financial professional to see if this option is appropriate for you and then contact our financial secretary, *(Insert Financial Secretary Name and Contact Info)*, for the information needed to process this gift to *(Congregation Name)*.

### **Giving through Retirement Account RMD (Required Minimum Distribution)**

If you are 70 ½, you are eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA, which can provide a tax benefit to you and, of course, also benefit God's ministry at *(Congregation Name)*. Some simple rules:

1. You must be 70 ½.
2. It must be paid directly from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA.
3. It must be paid directly from IRA custodian to the charity.
4. It must be paid to a qualifying charity - *(Congregation Name)* qualifies.

If making a Qualified Charitable Distribution sounds like an interesting option to you, please talk to your tax advisor first, to see if a QCD is appropriate for your unique situation.