

Making a Financial Commitment to Cross Winds

As you consider your annual estimate of giving, we invite you to prayerfully consider these steps and explore the many ways to give financially.

Begin with Prayer

Thank God for blessing you and ask for guidance and discernment. Recognize that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in God's work.

Assess Your Finances and Make a Commitment

Determine the percentage of your income that you will give in the coming year and complete your Estimate of Giving Card. If you are not yet tithing, consider increasing the percentage you are giving each year until you reach ten percent. Remember that your annual commitment supports Cross Winds' operations.

Consider How You Give

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), online, cash, check and appreciated stock are all giving options. EFT is a way to give your tithes and offerings to God first, and ensure that the church receives your gifts regularly, even if you are out of town. It is also the most cost-effective method of giving for the church.

Ways to Give

CASH OR CHECK

Your gifts can be placed in the weekly worship offering plate or they can be mailed to Cross Winds United Methodist Church, 15051 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN 55311. Make checks payable to Cross Winds UMC.

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT GIVING

You can use our secure online system for debit card or credit card contributions. Contributions can be recurring or a one-time gift. You will first need to set up a login account or use your existing account. Directions are available on the website: www.crosswindslife.org/give.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

One easy step each year guarantees that the church will receive your gifts on a regular basis. To establish an electronic funds transfer, you will need to complete a short form authorizing the EFT and attach a voided check for the account you will use. Contact Steve Weeks at finance@crosswindsumc.org to receive the form we will need from you. If you have previously used EFT, you do not need to resubmit a form or voided check.

STOCK & MUTUAL FUNDS

Stocks and other securities are a welcome gift. For stocks or funds that have appreciated over time, many members have found the capital gains tax savings make this an ideal way to fulfill their commitment.

IRA & 401K DISTRIBUTIONS

Contributing a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to Cross Winds is another way to give that can result in tax savings for you. Contact your tax or investment advisor to see how this might be of benefit for your specific situation.