



Finances in simplechurches: An Overview

About our Values

When the founding community was discerning the shape and values of our churches we felt God speaking to us about financial generosity. He wanted our church to live as a generous people, reflecting his own generous heart for the world. As we crafted our values statement, we wrote these words:

The Apostle Paul once said, “though he [Jesus] was rich, for our sakes he became poor.” The very nature, and mission of Christ involved an outpouring of generosity. He left the riches of heaven for the poverty of earth. Why did he do this? In order to be obedient to the Father and compassionate to the needy. We want to be people that live in this light. In a world of gaining more, we want to give more. In a culture of reckless consumerism we determine to live simply. Why would we do this? In order to be obedient to the Father and compassionate to the needy. Jesus once said, “Don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy.” These, we declare, are words we will live by.

Together, our church has sought to live by this value both corporately and individually. We’ve sought to be a simple people, generously giving of our finances, so that in-turn we can generously bless our city and world.

How We Use Financial Resources

When we began our churches we were convicted that often the “church” uses too much of it’s budget internally - expanding staff, building development, internal programming. So we opted for a simple structure, with reduced infrastructure, in the hope that a higher percentage of our giving could be used beyond ourselves for mission and the care of the poor and needy.

To this end, historically, we’ve had a goal of seeing 50% of all money we receive go to local and international mission and relief projects. Admittedly, we’ve yet to meet this goal (our best year was 34%), but it has been our hope and dream. We think you’ll agree that this is a refreshing vision.

All this said, we do also have infrastructure expenses that are required to keep our community together. Many of them are unseen, and certainly not “glamorous” but they are none-the-less essential to the viability of our church family. Our aim though is to

keep these to a minimum so that more of our collective funds can be used in broader kingdom ways.

So where do we actually use our funds? Here are the main categories.

Giving

Pastor

Salary
Personal Care &
Development
Pastoral Visits

Administration

Accounting
Website
Office Supplies
C&MA Operations
Insurance
Banking

Internal Ministry

Facility Rental
Retreats
Leadership Dev.
Children's Min.
Spiritual Direction

Mission

Local Projects
Care Fund
Ukraine
China
Missions Partners
C&MA Missions

How Can You Give?

If You Already Give to simplechurches

If you already give to simplechurches and would like to increase your giving you can contact our Treasurer, Neto (neto_franco@telus.net) or our bookkeeper, Alexis (accounting@simplechurches.ca) directly and they can help you increase your pre-approved amount or receive a one time gift.

If You Are New and Have Not Given Before

If you are new to simplechurches there are two ways people support our church:

1. **Pre-approved Giving** - attached is a form that allows our accountant to automatically withdrawal a regular amount from your bank account. You can fill this form out and along with a copy of a "void" cheque get it back to our treasurer or accountant. These documents can be scanned and sent to the above email's or hard copies can be mailed to:

simplechurches
c/o 201 East 23rd St.
North Vancouver, B.C.
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2. **Cash or cheques** - Money can also be given directly to our treasurer or accountant at CityWides or other determined times. Email Neto directly about this with questions.