



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

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Participating in the meaningful work of CMCL, 2017–2018

CMCL relies on generous contributions from church participants for virtually all of its budget income. There are many different practices for church giving, but ultimately our community functions best when everyone contributes—this is true of our volunteerism and for our finances. So we invite you to carefully consider what you plan to give this year. No matter the dollar amount, we are counting on your response to help us plan well for our future.

Deciding how much to give

Giving of our money is one way of practicing love in action. CMCL’s budget provides for ministry among us and ministry to our local and worldwide neighbors. Reflect on your giving from the past months. Are you hoping to increase your giving in the coming year?

Here are several ways to look at it:

- ***What is a fair share?*** There are about 350 adult regular, more or less, attenders at CMCL. All things being equal, each adult’s share would be around \$1,510 or \$3,020 for a household that includes two adults. **But we know all things are not equal.** Ultimately each of us will contribute at a level appropriate for our particular circumstances.
- ***Then there is the tithe to consider.*** How does my giving compare to my income:

If your annual household income is:	Your proportionate yearly giving would be:				
	3%	4%	5%	10%	12%
\$20,000	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,400
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$6,000
\$75,000	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$12,000
\$150,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$18,000
\$200,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$24,000
\$250,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$25,000	\$30,000

Of course you will have places other than CMCL where you want to share your giving, but thinking of a tithe at different levels is a starting place.

- ***Finances are really tough right now. I’m barely able to meet my own expenses, let alone contribute to church.*** The practice of giving to your church is still important. Consider an offering of \$20, \$10 or even \$5 per month to stay in practice so that when personal financial times improve, your giving can increase proportionately.

Submitting your planned giving

- Go to communitymennonite.org and click Planned Giving in the news feed in the lower right hand corner.
- Submit a note to CMCL office indicating how much you plan to give during the 2017–2018 fiscal year.
- Email giving@communitymennonite.org indicating how much you plan to give during 2017–2018.

Thanks for the many ways you give to make CMCL thrive