

## 5 Tips to Promote Church Giving

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-13 (NIV)

#### Generosity Encouraged

<sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup>This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup>Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

As Christians, it's important to give because God first gave to us. Your giving develops the next generation of Christian leaders, builds new churches, teaches lay and clergy leaders how to revitalize existing congregations, combats devastating diseases and engages directly in ministry with the impoverished. Here are five tips to promote giving at your church.

#### 1. Inspire.

Show your congregation why we give. If you click on the [Mission Moments](#) section of [umcgiving.org](http://umcgiving.org), you'll find a weekly moment for mission, offertory prayer and newsletter copy to introduce the offering. Mission Moments is updated on the 15th of every month. If you're looking for different content than what is listed for that week, simply use the search function to find your desired topic.

#### 2. Engage.

Open the conversation about giving in your church council meetings. You could start each meeting with one of the short videos at [youtube.com/umcgiving](http://youtube.com/umcgiving). There are nearly 100 videos highlighting the ways in which the generosity of United Methodists has changed lives and made a difference in the world.

#### 3. Inform.

Show your congregation how their dollars are at work. 90 cents of every dollar you give stays in the local church. [This illustration](#) breaks down how each dollar is used to accomplish wonderful work in Jesus' name.

#### 4. Imagine.

Make it easy for members to imagine how their generosity can make a difference. Provide them with giving resources. You can find free resources like brochures, flyers and inserts at [umcgiving.org/downloadables](http://umcgiving.org/downloadables).

#### 5. Believe.

Believe in the power of the connection. Together we can accomplish what no one individual or congregation can do separately. The various offerings and apportionments of The United Methodist Church allow us to share our resources to fulfill our mission as Christians.

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