

Giving Guidelines for Christ the King Presbyterian Church

CTK relies on regular tithes and offerings from its members for our vision to share God's word and love in South Austin and beyond. Cherishing the riches we now have in Christ, frees us from slavery to our comfort and possessions, while also motivating us to generously invest our wealth, talents, and time for the eternal kingdom of God.

Christ the King is a qualified charitable organization therefore your contribution will entitle you to a charitable contribution deduction against your income tax if you itemize deductions.

Generally speaking, a contribution to the church is either 1) undesignated, which supports the yearly budget of the church through our CTK Ministries Fund, or 2) designated giving, which supports other approved funds or campaigns of the church.

What Funds or campaigns does the church have?

- **CTK Ministries Fund** – This fund includes all undesignated gifts from our weekly tithes and offerings and is used to support the ministry of the church. The church recognizes that spreading the gospel is the primary purpose of the church and it aims to allocate at least 10% of the undesignated gifts to missions (i.e. local missions, national missions, and international missions).
- **Love Incorruptible Fund** – This fund provides for matters relating to our physical facility/property, especially the “Love Incorruptible” remodeling and expansion plan from 2022-2025. This fund may also be used for other facility-related repairs, construction, and purchases. This fund replaces what used to be called the “Building”/“Facilities” fund; therefore, any gift that mentions “building,” “facility,” “remodel,” “mortgage”, “debt” (etc.) will go into this fund.
- **Benevolence Fund** – This fund supports compassion initiatives as directed by the officers. Through this fund, we can minister to those in need in our church and community.

What can I give?

- Cash that includes checks and digital payments
- Donated goods (with prior approval)
- We also accept other kinds of financial assets; please get in touch with our treasurer or bookkeeper if you would like to give any of the following, as some require special instructions or approval:
 - Stock and other securities (mutual funds, bonds, etc.)
 - Real estate
 - Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies

How can I give?

- **Online** - Go to <https://ctkaustin.breezechms.com/give/online> to securely give to Christ the King with one-time or recurring gifts (there you can also choose to give into the Benevolence or Love Incorruptible funds). Please note that the church pays a 1% fee for ACH bank transfers and a 2.9% fee for credit/debit card transactions; if possible, please set up an ACH transfer instead of a card transaction. Another option (free for the church) is to use your bank's online bill pay service (see below for our mailing address).
- **Zelle** - If you are enrolled with Zelle through your bank or the Zelle app, use accounting@ctkaustin.org to add Christ the King as a recipient. There is no fee to the church to receive a Zelle payment. You can designate a specific fund (CTK Ministries, Benevolence, or Love Incorruptible) in the memo line.
- **By Text** - Give via credit card, debit card, or bank account (ACH) by texting an amount to (737) 530-4600. To give to the Love Incorruptible Fund, add a space and the word love after the amount.
- **At a Sunday Service** - Drop a check in the offering plate at the back of the church on Sunday. Please make checks out to "Christ the King" or "CTK Church".
- **By Mail** - If you'd like to give by mail, you can mail a check (or have one sent through your bank's online bill pay) to: Christ the King Austin, PO Box 90967, Austin TX 78709 Please make checks out to "Christ the King Austin."
- **Estate planning and complex gifts:** Our denomination has an office (The PCA Foundation) that can help receive and facilitate complex giving such as putting CTK into your will, donor-advised giving, receiving and liquidating bitcoin, real estate, crops, etc. Please get in touch with us if you'd like help in planning for these kinds of gifts.

Please note that we kindly ask that you do not take on debt in order to give.

Are there any restrictions?

Except to an approved fund or campaign, you may not designate a gift to a particular person or item.

Please only donate goods that the church has requested or that the church agrees are needed. Any goods that exceed a fair market value of \$250 will be recognized with a receipt from the church in order to be tax-deductible. Specific items will be itemized and described in the receipt only. The fair market value will need to be reported to the IRS by the you and substantiated by receipts.

The value of personal services donated is not deductible as a charitable contribution. However, expenses incurred while performing personal services for the church may be deductible.

Does the church provide receipts or statements I can provide to the IRS?

The church will provide you with a detailed giving statement at the end of the year listing all your contributions. To receive a statement for actual cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it.