



GIVING FAQ

Can I use a credit card, debit card, or give directly from my bank account?

Yes, we can process all the major credit cards and debit cards as well. When you give, select “Credit Card” as your payment method and enter the card information requested. To pay directly from your bank account, select “Bank Account” as your payment method and enter your ACH information (routing and account numbers).

Are there any hidden fees or charges to give online?

You will not pay any additional fees, but the church does incur small processing fees. These fees will be avoided if you give online directly from your bank account.

Can I set up a recurring payment?

Yes. Regardless of your payment method, you have the option of making your payment recur weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, monthly, or quarterly, and you can set up the recurring payment with an end date if desired.

How do I change or cancel my recurring gift?

Sign into your account at app.securegive.com, navigate to Recurring Transactions, and then select the gift you wish to change or cancel. You can choose to either pause or cancel the recurring transaction, or adjust the amount and frequency. To cancel, locate the "Cancel" button, confirm your choice, and the recurring gift will be terminated. If you need assistance, please contact the church's Finance Office.

How do “Qualified Charitable Distributions” work?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70 1/2 and older to transfer funds directly from their IRA to a qualified charity, like GCC, potentially avoiding taxes on the distribution. Essentially, it allows you to fulfill your Required Minimum Deduction and make a charitable donation simultaneously, with the benefit of not including the distribution amount in your taxable income. To make a QCD, contact the financial institution holding your IRA or

individual retirement annuity and inform them of your desire to make a QCD. You'll need to provide the church's name and address—Grace Community Church, 1320 Auburn Way S, Auburn WA 98002.

Is online giving secure?

Yes, we partner with SecureGive, and their systems are very secure. They are PCI Level 1 compliant, utilize top-tier encryption, and SecureGive is hosted on a secure platform like AWS. They also have robust security protocols, including third-party testing and 24/7 system monitoring.

What is the tax deadline for annual contributions?

Cash and check contributions must be physically received by the end of the calendar year (December 31st at 11:59PM) to be counted for that tax year. The only exception is that a donation which is mailed must be postmarked by December 31 though it may be received in the mail in the first few days of the following year. If you do not receive an annual giving statement by early February, feel free to contact the church's Finance Office.

Does the church provide a giving statement?

Yes, we will send you an annual Giving Statement at the end of the church year—that is, in January of the following year. Your giving information is always available to you by signing into your MyCommunity account at <https://graceinauburn.ccbchurch.com/goto/login>. Once you're signed in, go to the Giving menu item and select "My Giving."

Can I deduct the value of the volunteer work I did for the church?

No. The value of volunteer services is never deductible as charitable contribution. However, unreimbursed expenses you incur in performing services on behalf of the church may be, including a standard mileage rate for any miles your driven performing services for the church. Consult your tax professional for additional information.

Can I give non-cash assets?

Of course. Take a look [here](#) at our Legacy Impact Ministry page for details. At this time, however, we do not accept donated vehicles. Contact our Legacy Giving team if you have questions.

When I give, can I specify what I would like the money to be used for?

Yes and no. You may designate your giving toward any of the restricted funds established by Grace's church leadership—see the drop down list on our giving form—but you are not allowed to direct your gift toward a specific purpose which hasn't be established by the Elders. This is true by IRS rule for all non-profit organizations. Giving to these funds is intended to be "above and beyond" giving, but the majority of gifts received by the church are undesignated and contribute to our General Fund. It is the General Fund which funds most of our ministry efforts.

Is it true that any money I designate towards Missions goes into the General Fund?

Yes. That's because the funds we send to our International Partners far exceeds any monies designated for Missions. If our IPs were supported only by designated gifts, they would receive far less than we are able to contribute.