

# Giving FAQs

## **Should I tithe based on my pre-tax or after-tax income?**

Ever wonder what people mean when they talk about tithing on gross or net income? The most common view is that gross earnings are the amount of God's provision, and the tithe should be based on one-tenth of God's provision. Taxes are generally considered payment for the privileges and services provided by the government. Though scripture doesn't necessarily use the literal terms "net" or "gross," it is important to note that the spirit in which we give is of greatest value to God. He tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that "each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give; not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

## **What if I don't have enough money to tithe?**

Giving 10% of your income to your church can be a big—and often frightening—commitment! But if scripture tells us to honor Him with our first fruits and our blessings will be overflowing, we must learn to trust that He is faithful to provide. God wants us to trust Him. Seek His guidance in how much you should give, and He will honor your faithfulness and obedience.

## **Why do you accept credit cards?**

Used within the parameters for which they were originally created, debit and credit cards can be an efficient tool for payments and purchases. Many people utilize them in place of checks or cash throughout the month, then pay off the balance in full. For these people, we offer the option of using a credit or debit card to tithe. We strongly discourage those who have ongoing credit card debt from exercising this option.

## **Can I give to a specific ministry?**

Every dollar given to CCC is used to support our mission; therefore, gifts cannot be restricted for use by a specific ministry. When you give an offering above your tithe, you do have the option of choosing from the listed causes.

## **What is the deadline for annual contributions?**

Cash contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 to be included on your giving statement for that year. Online transactions must be initiated by December 31.

## **What if I have questions that aren't covered here?**

We're here to help! Just contact us at [giving@cccomaha.org](mailto:giving@cccomaha.org).