

Ten Questions on Giving at The MET

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1. Why give to support The MET's ministry?

Giving financially is a form of our worship to God and is part of growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is a spiritual discipline that helps us keep the eternal as a priority over money and material matters. Jesus said *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matthew 6:21)

2. Why give to The MET when there are so many other needy causes?

There are many worthy causes, it is true. However, the principle is similar to how we support our own families. We ensure that they are well cared for first, before helping others. We give generously and joyfully to our own local Church, to which we are committed, then give to other worthy causes as God blesses us financially.

3. How can I give to The MET?

There are three ways you can give:

- (i) Register for regular pre-authorized giving; forms available at metbiblechurch.ca > Give button on the top right of the screen.
- (ii) Give each Sunday using pre-numbered envelopes (contact info@metbiblechurch.ca to obtain yours), or use the envelopes available in the Sanctuary chair racks.
- (iii) Give online through Canada Helps; link available at metbiblechurch.ca > Give button.

4. Do I receive a tax deductible receipt?

Yes - a tax deductible receipt is prepared for you at year-end, or if you give online, you receive a receipt immediately from Canada Helps.

5. What is the benefit of a tax receipt?

For most people, it amounts to approximately 30% refund of the amount donated. You simply claim the amount donated when you file your income tax return.

6. Where does the money that I give to The MET go?

We have a budget of \$3.5 million to pay for administrative and operating expenses, for MET ministries in our region, and for missions that span the globe.



7. What do people usually give – is there a set amount?

Giving is voluntary and confidential. There is no set amount, but the Scriptures provide guidance that giving is to be in proportion to our income. The New Testament teaches Christians about grace giving – one key section is found in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9. We would encourage you to study these two chapters and other key passages.

The Christian's habitual practice of giving is to be regular, individual, systematic and proportionate. *"Now about the collection for God's people: do what I told the Galatian Churches to do. On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."* (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

8. I am already stretched with a mortgage, car payments, and kids expenses – how can I possibly give what I don't seem to have?

God makes it possible to give...and even to give generously. He provides for all that we need. Careful spending and abundant giving is a good response to God for his prospering us. *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion..."* (2 Corinthians 9:11)

9. I volunteer my time in serving at The MET. Isn't that a form of giving?

Absolutely! But the Scriptures make it clear that giving and serving go hand in hand and help us develop a healthy attitude towards both money and material things. *"But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* (2 Corinthians 8:7)

10. People outside the church often accuse churches of placing too much emphasis on money. How do we counter that?

The MET never asks people outside the Church for money. For Christians, the practice of giving is a spiritual discipline, involving cheerfully blessing others and being blessed in return. We would be remiss if we did not share this insight from the Scriptures with our congregation. *"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."* (2 Corinthians 9:7)