

Capital Funds Giving Program - Questionnaire

History

When the Capital Funds drive for the retrofitted sanctuary started, our congregation decided to hold 10% of the funds raised, as a tithe, to be given away to help others. This tithe was approved by Session, and became a part of the information in the capital funds drive literature. Decisions about how to give and where to give have been deferred until now! In keeping with church by-laws and covenants, an ad-hoc committee on Giving has been created to guide the MPC family in how to give this tithe. This committee will be working with MPC social justice committees and with the congregation develop a program for giving.

Facts

The tithe will amount to ≈\$30,000 annually for the next 5 years.

The committee has convened and is developing objectives for giving.

The committee has targeted May 2008 to finalize recommendations.

Your Help Requested!

We need your input. One of the high priorities from our first meeting was to gather ideas and direction from the congregation!!! The short questionnaire on the back provides an opportunity for you to give us your input. We strongly encourage you to talk about this with your family because our tithe needs to represent MPC as a church community: young ⇔ old, outspoken ⇔ quiet, wide-angle view ⇔ laser focused vision.

To help you with the questionnaire, here are some possible "giving program" criteria, as brainstormed and discussed in the committee. These are just suggestions – we seek your feedback and your ideas for additional or other criteria:

Possible Criteria for the GIVING PROGRAM

Develop a Giving Program to:

- Focus on programs that are re-generative. For example:
 - ✓ small loans community development
 - ✓ matching program funds or grants
- Emphasize local giving, while not excluding global groups
- Broaden our church's collaborative work
 - ✓ involve other organizations in giving activities (i.e. other churches)
 - ✓ support connections to existing relationships

As part of the Giving Program process, we will:

- Engage the MPC congregation (all ages) for ideas/organizations
- Set minimum and maximum guidelines for both the number of organizations to be recipients as well as for the amount of tithe

Additional guidelines we are thinking about:

- Build a giving model that we can share with others
- Consider multiple ways of giving that are possible
- Ask organizations for proposals
- Provide learning/support/fundraising opportunities for recipients

What do you think we should do?

Please return this form by mail, to the church office (Montclair Presbyterian Church, 5701 Thornhill Dr. Oakland, CA 95611-2199), or drop it in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, or in the questionnaire basket at coffee hour.

***** **We need your input NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th** *****

We encourage you to respond to this questionnairediscuss your ideas within your families...or within the committees that you participate with. This money, carefully set-aside by you to give back to our world represents the spirit and care in how we approached our successful capital campaign. Let's consider together, then, how we'll disperse this money.

1. Do you have suggestions for Giving Program Criteria other than the ones covered on the first page? Or comments on what we have identified so far?

2. To whom do you think MPC should give money?

3. How do the proposed criteria for Giving support your donor suggestions?

4. May we contact you if we have any questions? If so, please give us your name, telephone and or e-mail

Respectfully, the Giving Program Committee

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