



Mennonite
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USA

Electronic transfers can facilitate charitable giving

Making financial transactions electronically has become quite customary in the United States. We use credit cards, debit cards and electronic fund transfers instead of cash and checks as preferred ways to pay bills, transfer funds from one account to another – and give to the church and church organizations. Many members of Mennonite Church USA have adopted these same electronic methods for making financial gifts.

THREE
OPTIONS
AVAILABLE

You now have three options for making contributions electronically to congregations and organizations affiliated with Mennonite Church USA:

Electronic Funds Transfer (Firstfruits Direct Giving) – Through automatic, monthly withdrawals from your checking account, Electronic Funds Transfer enables you to make ongoing contributions to your congregation, area conference or denominational organizations. Once you have set up an Electronic Funds Transfer program with your bank or other financial institution, you can give regularly to your congregation and other church organizations as you designate without writing a check. This Web site provides a starting place to participate: www.MennoniteUSA.org.

Online Giving – Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership, in partnership with Mennonite Foundation, provides an online Web site to receive gifts you designate from credit and debit cards. All Mennonite Church USA organizations, including congregations, are included in this Web site: <https://giving.MennoniteUSA.org/>.

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Contributions Direct – This is a free service from Mennonite Financial that enables members to make regular, systematic contributions to congregations or other charitable organizations automatically through their Mennonite Financial account. Signing up for this service enables the member to use Electronic Bill Payment for all other on-line personal bill payments transactions for free as well. To sign up, go to the Mennonite Financial website at www.mennonitefinancial.com and click on “Internet Branch” link.

What are the advantages of electronic giving?

- It helps members of congregations to receive all the benefits of giving electronically while also enabling them to participate in the offering during worship. See suggestions at the Web site by clicking on “For the Offering Plate.”
- It provides a stable source of year-round income for congregations, area conferences and other Mennonite organizations.
- It facilitates giving for those who prefer to use electronic banking.
- It enables donors who give via credit card to receive rewards, such as airline miles, that are offered by credit card companies.
- For people who travel frequently, it provides an opportunity to make monthly donations to their congregations and other parts of the church.
- It supplies an immediate receipt for tax purposes, with the receipt e-mailed to the donor as soon as the gift is made.
- It decreases administrative costs (receiving, counting, depositing funds, etc.) for church treasurers and staff members at organizations.
- It saves costs associated with printing and mailing checks and receipts.