Now is the Time to Grow Your Recurring Electronic Giving!

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The e-Giving Guide for Every Church

This step-by-step guidebook gives specific and practical advice for churches of every type and size. Rogers provides on-ramps for those who are just beginning to think about electronic giving and those who are already using it and want to do more. He gives clear instructions for each step and includes many charts, samples, and diagrams. This book is a powerful, easy-to-read resource for pastors, staff, finance committee members, stewardship teams, business administrators, administrative council members, and judicatory leaders. It will break open new ground in mission and ministry.
Poll Questions
1. Did you worship in your church building this past Sunday?
2. Will you be worshiping in your building this Sunday?
3. Did you live stream your worship?
4. Do you offer the option of giving electronically?
5. How many households do “recurring giving” electronically?
6. If you use electronic giving, what provider do you use?

Popular Forms of Electronic Giving (e-Giving)
• ACH/Bank Draft
• Credit/Debit Card
• Bill Pay (bank sends your church a check)
• Kiosks
• Dip Jars/Square
“What is Recurring e-Giving?”

- Donor chooses an amount and payment frequency for gifts that are automatically sent to your church.
- Monthly is the most common frequency, but weekly, twice a month and quarterly are also options.
- If a gift does not automatically come to the church without any repetitive action from the donor, then it is not recurring.

“What About the Cost?”

Ease of Use is Most Important to Donors

- How easy (fast) is it to use your system?
- Does the donor have options?
- Does it feel seamless or like they’ve been sent somewhere else?
- What are the default/suggested settings?
In 2015, 67% of Americans were already paying their recurring monthly bills with recurring electronic payments. ACH Sign-up Cards are easy. Create a video to demonstrate signing up online.

“We Like the Offering the Way it is”

Instead of passing empty plates, pass plates full of e-Giving Cards!
Reasons Donors Use Recurring Giving

1. Ease and convenience
2. Gifts are present even if they aren’t
3. Prevents falling behind
4. Church asked them to

Financial Benefit of Recurring e-Giving

- e-Givers gave 15% more than traditional givers
  - Vanco 2017
- e-Givers give 33% more than traditional givers
  - Push Pay 2018
- Non-Profit Recurring Donors give 42%
  - Network for Good Giving Data
- Recurring Donors give 5.4 times more over their lifetimes
  - Classy State of Modern Philanthropy 2019

e-Givers are More Active and Engaged

- 43% of e-Givers attend Bible study vs. 35% of traditional givers
- 26% of e-Givers attend Sunday school vs. 18% of traditional givers
- 23% of e-Givers take part in service organizations vs. 16% of traditional givers
- 23% of e-Givers attend church retreats vs. 16% of traditional givers
- 21% of e-Givers attend church conferences vs. 15% of traditional givers
- 17% of e-Givers serve on leadership committees vs. 11% of traditional givers
Getting Started If You Don't Have e-Giving

1. Go to your local bank and sign up for ACH/Bank Draft.
2. Mail everyone a letter explaining that you will soon have ACH/Bank Draft, but to use the two enclosed self-addressed stamped envelopes until you are able to mail them a Sign-up Card.
Getting Started

2. Recruit a Recurring Giving Promotion Team with a Chairperson.
3. Develop a Recurring Giving FAQ sheet.
4. Review and follow the Tips for Optimizing Your Church’s Website.

5. Ask Pastor, Finance Team and Church Leadership to sign up first.
6. Pastor and/or Chairperson shoot a two to three minute video to be sent to all members and regular attenders explaining the benefits and importance of recurring giving.
7. Send a letter with the FAQ, ACH/Sign-up Card and return stamped envelope. If your church requires each person to set their own account up online, consider sending both the instructions and “how to video”.

8. Create your seat back card.
9. Introduce recurring giving in online worship or by phone if you are not doing video worship.
10. Follow the resource guide five-week plan of online worship engagement, follow-up’s, and thank you suggestions.
Questions?

Thank You!

Upcoming Webinars

Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:30PM CDT
Time to Create a New Financial Calendar (with Joe Park and Norma Quinn)

Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 6:30PM CDT
Stewardship in the Second Half of Life (with Clayton Smith)

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