



August 30, 2020

Dear LCOS members,

We have been using electronic giving (eGiving) for over 10 years, however, it has been underutilized by our church. Today, we would like to better communicate with you about electronic giving for your offering. While worship has shifted to being ministered at a distance, we are still a community and family. eGiving can help maintain the connection between our church and congregation.

The world has been operating in the online technology for a few decades now. Our church can embrace the technology more so by leveraging the eGiving options while continuing to accept traditional giving (cash, check, plate collection, etc.)

Some of the benefits with eGiving include:

- Studies show churchgoers increasingly prefer to donate through eGiving over traditional giving. Yes, even the older members have moved toward using the online technology.
- Givers can “set it and forget it” when they set up the frequency (one-time or recurring) and the amount of their donations. For example, set it up in case they did not have any cash or check with them at the time, are away, can meet their pledge, could not/do not attend worship, are occasional attendee, etc.
- There is less pressure on donors when planning their offerings through eGiving and not be concerned about catch-up giving.
- The recurring eGiving to our church will allow continued operations, provide services, carry out our mission to our members and continue important ministries to the community.
- Banks plan to stop processing checks in 2026.
- Through the eGiving tools, the office can also set up one-time donations for other church activities such as fundraisers, committee/group activities, collecting other typical payments (i.e. flowers, tickets), and so forth.

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How it works

- We will upgrade the eGiving tools with our current Vanco vendor.
- You may make donations with your checking/savings account or credit/debit card.
- You can use the tool via any internet-connected computer and/or mobile phone.
- In addition, the office is here to help you set up your donations if needed.

Vanco Services was founded in 1998. They continue to stay updated in the technology and maintain security compliance. We would like an opportunity to give you comfort on how easy it is to use the eGiving tools by scheduling demonstration sessions.

- The sessions are held at the church.
- Each session is limited to 5 people in attendance. We will observe masks and social distancing.
- The sessions should be less than 30 minutes, including time for Q&A.
- The sessions are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. starting September 8th through the 30th.
- Please contact the office to schedule.
- If you are unable to meet during the day, please arrange otherwise with the office.

Soon we will be updating our website with better instructional guides for eGiving.

Please contact the office with any questions.

Thank you and God bless everyone,
The Stewardship Committee

Giving is a natural part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.