



Offering Our Time and Talents in 2020

We give thanks and care for our community by offering our time and talents. Please use this form to indicate some ways you are willing to help during the coming year. Which of the activities below draw on your talents and give you joy? As members take turns with regular tasks and join teams for special occasions and projects, we are all blessed and better able to serve others. Thank you for filling out this form and for your participation.

If this form is being completed by a family, please indicate the initials of each family member volunteering for an activity.

Name/s: _____

How I will offer my time and talents:

WORSHIP

- _____ Read scripture
- _____ Lead prayers
- _____ Serve Communion
- _____ Prepare the bread and wine for Communion
- _____ Serve as an usher (welcoming people as they arrive for worship, helping them find seats)
- _____ Play an instrument: _____
- _____ Sing in the choir
- _____ Help to plan worship

OUTREACH

- _____ Share our ministry with the wider community by:
 - ___ Taking photos
 - ___ Filming events
 - ___ Writing articles or blog posts
 - ___ Using social media
- _____ Imagine creative, faithful, fun ways to reach out to neighbors and friends beyond our membership

NURTURING OTHERS IN THE FAITH

- _____ Accompany a new or prospective member
- _____ Share the faith with our congregation's children by teaching or assisting with church school
- _____ Plan and/or lead occasional events for our congregation's youth and teenagers
- _____ Mentor a confirmation student
- _____ Lead a Bible study or educational forum
- _____ Join a care team that visits members who are unable to attend worship regularly

FELLOWSHIP

- _____ Help plan occasional social events for the congregation
- _____ Host or help plan gatherings for my neighborhood group
- _____ Work in the kitchen with others

STEWARDSHIP

- _____ Help others identify their gifts for ministry
- _____ Inspire others to give joyfully toward God's mission
- _____ Help serve and sell during annual Fête de la Musique and l'Escalade fundraisers
- _____ Work in the church garden
- _____ Assist with church office tasks
- _____ Help with repairs and building maintenance

SHARING

- _____ Serve a meal at the local soup kitchen
- _____ Learn about projects that support life, health, and dignity for others
- _____ Share stories of God's work in the world with our members

HAVE ANOTHER IDEA?



Offering Our Financial Support in 2020

We give thanks and care for our community by offering our time, talents, and money toward our ministry together. Please use this form to indicate your expected financial contribution during the coming year. Some information on financial giving is on the back of this form and also in the enclosed handout "Stewardship in the English-Speaking Congregation."

If you need to change your estimate of giving at any time, you may do so by contacting the church office.

Name/s: _____

I/we intend to make a financial contribution to support the ministry of the
Evangelical Lutheran of Geneva, English-Speaking Congregation in 2020
in the amount of _____ CHF annually

**** Please bring this form with you to worship or return it by post or email by 1 December 2019 ****

To help us plan for cash flow and properly track your gifts, please indicate:

HOW you plan to make the payment of your support

By bank transfer

Our Credit Suisse details are: Account Number 226749-71 Clearing Number 4835
IBAN: CH15 0483 5022 6749 7 100 0 BIC/SWIFT: CRESCHZZ12A

By Post Account

Number 12-9677-6 (There are post transfer slips on the windowsill at the back of the church) IBAN: CH13 0900 0000 1200 9677 6

By USD dollar check

In US dollars, please make check out to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and on the memo section print "GMG 0858"

Cash offering in envelopes during Sunday worship

(Small envelopes are available on the windowsill at the back of the church)

WHEN you plan to make the payment of your support

each week

each month

each quarter

one payment for the year

other:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*For Geneva taxpayers, contributions to the ELCG can be deducted from the "cantonal et communal" tax.
For more information, please contact the church office.*

How Much Should I Give?

No one can answer that question for you. The enclosed handout “Stewardship in the English-Speaking Congregation” provides some guidelines to help in your thinking and praying.

Our congregation’s annual budget is currently slightly over CHF 300,000. It is a modest and realistic budget, but everyone’s help is needed to meet it.

Here is a table representing how our members gave in 2018:

Total annual contribution	Number of households
Over Chf 15,000	1
10,000 to 14,999	4
5,000 to 9,999	13
2,000 to 4,999	31
1,000 to 1,999	31
500 to 999	13
250 to 499	12
1 to 249	13

Please consider increasing your gift this year to help sustain and enable our congregation’s important ministry. Thank you for your generosity!