

## Glad and Generous Hearts – Giving for 2023

Please use this form to indicate ways you are willing to support the life of our congregation during the coming year. Which of the activities below draw on your talents and give you joy? All are important to our congregation's ministry!

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

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I am open to serving in the following ways:

### OUTREACH

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving on the outreach team (working with others to increase our congregation's visibility and invite newcomers: from now until June 2023)

### FELLOWSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving on the fellowship team (joining with others in planning several social events for our congregation: from now until June 2023)

\_\_\_\_\_ Organizing and/or hosting gatherings for my neighborhood group

\_\_\_\_\_ Joining a care team (offering support to members during times of particular need)

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving on the church school team (teaching or assisting with church school: from now until June 2023)

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning and/or leading occasional events for youth and teenagers

\_\_\_\_\_ Mentoring a confirmation student

### WORSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ Helping to plan worship as part of the worship committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Reading scripture

\_\_\_\_\_ Leading prayers

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving as an usher (welcoming people as they arrive for worship)

\_\_\_\_\_ Preparing the bread and wine for communion

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving communion

### MUSIC

\_\_\_\_\_ Playing an instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Singing in the choir or a small ensemble

VIDEO, TECH SUPPORT, AND I.T.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with filming and live-streaming worship services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing I.T. support generally (e.g. providing tech support for our website)

SPIRITUAL LIFE

- \_\_\_\_\_ Leading a Bible study or educational forum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Accompanying a new or prospective member

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE WITH OTHERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Serving on the sharing team (Proposing organizations for our congregation to support, both locally and globally: from now until June 2023)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helping build relationships with partner organizations and churches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preparing food for the local soup kitchen

COMMUNICATIONS

Sharing our ministry with the wider community by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Taking photos
- \_\_\_\_\_ Writing articles or blog posts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Using social media

ADMINISTRATION AND BUILDING CARE

- \_\_\_\_\_ Working in the church garden
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with occasional church office tasks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helping with repairs and building maintenance

HAVE ANOTHER IDEA?

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*\*\* Please return this form by post or email by 13 November 2022 \*\**

## *Glad and Generous Hearts – Giving for 2023*

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.

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

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

During 2023, I/we intend to support the ministry  
of the English-Speaking Congregation with a total contribution of  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHF

**I plan to pay by (please mark one):**

- Bank transfer
- Post account
- U.S. dollar check
- Cash offering during Sunday worship

**I plan to make my payments (please mark one):**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- One payment for the year
- Other

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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 around CHF 320,000. 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 2021:

Total annual contribution	Number of households
Over Chf 15,000	2
10,000 to 14,999	4
5,000 to 9,999	13
2,000 to 4,999	32
1,000 to 1,999	22
500 to 999	23
250 to 499	10
1 to 249	14

*Thank you for your generosity!*