

**Your Views About Giving**

1. Do you make financial contributions to this congregation?  
 33.5% Yes, as an individual  
 59.1 Yes, jointly with my spouse/partner  
 3.4 Not personally, my parent(s) contribute on my behalf  
 4.0 No
2. How important is it to you to support this congregation financially?  
 47.9% Very important  
 45.3 Important  
 2.5 Of little importance  
 0.5 Not important at all  
 3.8 Don't know
3. In the last two years, has your giving to this congregation increased or decreased?  
 60.0% Increased  
 29.5 Stayed the same  
 4.2 Decreased  
 6.3 Don't know or not applicable (here less than 2 years)
4. How do you decide how much money to give to this congregation?  
 6.8% I do not contribute financially to this congregation  
 12.6 I decide what to give each time I attend worship services  
 44.8 I decide on a weekly dollar amount  
 19.9 I decide on an annual dollar figure  
 11.0 I decide on a percent of my income annually  
 0.2 Other (specify):  
 4.8 Don't know
5. Do you agree or disagree: "It is *not* appropriate to talk about money matters in worship services"?"  
 9.9% Strongly agree  
 23.7 Agree  
 30.7 Neutral or unsure  
 30.2 Disagree  
 5.4 Strongly disagree
6. Which *one* statement comes closest to your thoughts about money?  
 13.7% I worry about my finances a lot  
 50.8 I sometimes worry about my finances  
 22.1 I have all my finances planned to reach my goals  
 6.8 I never really think about money  
 6.6 Money is unimportant to me because I believe God will provide
7. What influences you the most in your decisions about giving to this congregation? (Mark up to *two* options).  
 26.5% A sense of religious duty to give  
 12.6 Hearing about specific needs  
 44.4 A sense of gratitude for God's love and goodness  
 25.8 Wanting to contribute to God's work in the world  
 7.8 The Bible's teaching on giving  
 27.0 A sense of obligation to support the work here  
 5.9 A sense of gratitude for help my family or I have received here  
 4.6 Habit or custom  
 0.5 The congregation's or the leader's urging to give

- 0.5 The tax benefits I receive for my contributions
- 2.9 Other factors
- 2.0 I don't give here
8. Do you agree or disagree: "Tithing (giving 10% of one's income) is an unrealistic expectation of current attendees"?"  
 6.4% Strongly agree  
 29.2 Agree  
 39.4 Neutral or unsure  
 19.9 Disagree  
 5.1 Strongly disagree
9. Do you agree or disagree: "This congregation puts too much emphasis on asking for money"?"  
 1.6% Strongly agree  
 7.1 Agree  
 32.5 Neutral or unsure  
 49.2 Disagree  
 9.5 Strongly disagree
10. Many congregations today send less of their offerings to agencies beyond the local congregation than they did in the past. Do you see this trend as positive or negative?  
 18.2% Positive  
 30.4 Negative  
 51.4 Not sure
11. Some people like giving money to specific causes rather than to the general congregational budget. While you may do both, which do you most prefer? (Mark only *one*.)  
 15.5% Giving to specific causes  
 51.5 Giving to the general congregational budget  
 33.0 It makes no difference to me-I give the same either way
12. In the last year did you or another adult in your family fill out a pledge card or commitment card or make some other commitment for congregational giving for the year?  
 53.3% Yes  
 38.8 No  
 7.9 Don't know
13. Do you approve or disapprove of the practice of asking members of the congregation to fill out annual pledge cards or commitment cards for congregational giving for the year?  
 59.2% Approve  
 21.7 Disapprove  
 19.1 Don't know
14. When this congregation encourages giving, which is emphasized more? (Mark only *one*.)  
 15.5% Giving a certain percentage of income  
 43.3 Supporting the programs of the congregation  
 26.1 Both equally  
 15.1 Don't know
15. Apart from this congregation, to what other groups or organizations have you contributed financially in the last year? (Mark *all* that apply)  
 16.2% Another congregation  
 25.8 Other religious organizations or religious causes outside this congregation  
 69.8 Non-religious charities, community organizations, or social causes  
 11.5 I did not contribute to other groups or organizations.