MAKING A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AT CHRIST CHURCH LAUSANNE

Please consider carefully and prayerfully whether *you* can support Christ Church by making a FINANCIAL COMMITMENT.

What is a Financial Commitment programme?

A programme in which members promise to make regular gifts of money to the church.

Why should I want to make a financial commitment?

Christ Church is totally self-supporting and can exist only with the help of individual friends and members of the congregation. Most people find that they give a combination of:

- time
- knowledge
- skills and talents
- money

Everyone has something to give. And Christ Church needs a balance of all the different forms of giving - including money.

The Financial Commitment Programme deals solely with financial gifts. It is designed to produce a reliable source of known income, so that the Treasurer can work out a proper budget.

Who knows what I give?

You decide what you will give and only the Treasurer and the Financial Commitment Secretary know what that amount is.

What happens if I want to stop giving?

You are free to withdraw from the Programme at any time. Just inform the Treasurer so that the records can be kept straight.

How does it work?

You can make your payments in one of the following ways:

- with a *standing order* via your bank or post office account (the best way for us!)
- with a *weekly gift envelope* in the Sunday collection plate

All the necessary details are supplied when you join the programme. You can pay weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually - it's up to you!

How many people have joined the programme?

In 2010 there were 25 members, giving a total of about CHF 35'000 for the year.

How much should I give?

That depends on your needs and responsibilities, and on the needs of Christ Church. Some people see their offering as a percentage of their income, either:

- 1% to 3% of gross annual income,

or

- 4% to 10% of net take-home pay after deducting tax, insurances, and household expenses.

Please seek God's guidance in prayer to set your gift at the right level.

How do I start?

Complete the form on this leaflet and send it to The Treasurer, Christ Church, The Financial Commitment Programme, Av de l'Eglise Anglaise 1, CP 70, 1000 Lausanne 6.
More information is available from:
The Treasurer, Rosemary Raedler, tel: 021 323 5284 email: r.raedler@bluewin.ch

What is the money spent on?

The annual budget (based on patterns over several years) shows that Christ Church needs about CHF 100'000 for the year, that's around CHF 2'000 a week. The breakdown is roughly as follows:

- 75% for all ministry costs, this covers the three areas of our Mission Statement: worship, welcome and wider-community;
- 20% for building upkeep and maintenance and running costs;
- 5% for administration and miscellaneous costs

Note: Our budget makes no allowance for creating a reserve for future restoration work or capital outlay, nor does it pay a stipend for the chaplain.

What other income is there?

The other main sources of income are:

- donations
- open collections in the plate on Sundays
- fund-raising activities.

Your giving can make a real difference.

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For the next twelve months, to begin on _____ I/we would like to support the ministry of Christ Church financially by giving: CHF _____ per week / month / year* *delete as applicable

9 I would like weekly envelopes to put in the offering plate. Please provide the envelopes.

9 I would like to make regular payments to the Banque Cantonale Vaudoise, church account Ass. de Christ Church (IBAN: CH29 0076 7000 R039 3384 9)

G By standing order, which I will instruct my bank to make

G By using Christ Church payment slips (please provide some)

NB: Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay either in USD and receive a tax exemption form or in GB£ via the UK Gift Aid scheme.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Date: _____

Signature(s): _____