

EUMC ASPIRATIONAL GIVING STATEMENT

What does it mean to be financially generous?

As individuals and families we are called to use our financial means for both our own wellbeing and to love others. As it relates to Excelsior UMC, the generosity we aspire to is that we each give a portion of our finances to the church and other non-profit organization(s).

Why is financial generosity important to our relationship with God?

Through the parables, Jesus told stories that speak to how we can be in relationship with God. He calls us to love our neighbors and be generous to those in need.

What are the impacts of generosity at Excelsior UMC?

Excelsior UMC has a clear purpose, vision and mission. Financial generosity enables Excelsior UMC to hire staff, care for our building and property, and partner with other community organizations to impact the lives of our congregation and the community around us. Everything we do is made possible through donations and offerings.

How much should I give?

While a personal decision, here is some guidance with respect to Excelsior UMC's hope for those in our community. We invite each of you to consider the examples below when making your commitment to generosity.

Where you may be and what we encourage:						
Building a Foundation of Generosity	Start by making a commitment to support and give with intention to the annual operating budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Target 3% of your post-tax income to support the operating budget.• Make a plan to reach 3%, and then beyond.• Start in a place that allows you to give joyfully!					
Growing in Generosity	Grow beyond 3% of post-tax income for operating giving. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commit to growing in generosity in some way each year:<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Increasing operating giving 5-10% of current level each year to AND/ OR-Expanding support to include capital needs• Step up financial support with life changes (raises/promotions, after a car is paid off, children no longer in daycare/college).					
Maturing in Generosity	As you mature in this call of generosity we invite you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share your story of why you give and how it has impacted you and your faith.• Continue to grow your giving, expanding financial support beyond operating to include capital needs.• Give from assets such as stock and other investments; for more information contact the office and someone will be in touch with additional information.• Consider a legacy gift; if you would like to talk more, Pastor Brooke or a Stewardship team member would be happy to discuss options with you.					
All Givers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always give joyfully!• Ask questions and share your feedback.	Income	1%	3%	5%	7%
		\$50,000	\$500 / \$9	\$1,500 / \$29	\$2,500 / \$48	\$3,500 / \$67
		\$75,000	\$750 / \$14	\$2,250 / \$43	\$3,750 / \$72	\$5,250 / \$100
		\$100,000	\$1,000 / \$19	\$3,000 / \$57	\$5,000 / \$96	\$7,000 / \$135
		\$130,000	\$1,300 / \$25	\$3,900 / \$75	\$6,500 / \$125	\$9,100 / \$175
		\$160,000	\$1,600 / \$30	\$4,800 / \$92	\$8,000 / \$154	\$11,200 / \$215
		\$200,000	\$2,000 / \$38	\$6,000 / \$75	\$10,000 / \$192	\$14,000 / \$269
Post-tax Income Illustrations (Annual / weekly)						

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