

PRAYER GUIDE

Your Path to Determining
Your Campaign Commitment



INTRODUCTION

YOUR CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT

We're all well aware that life today bombards us with messages of materialism and consumerism. It can be tough to navigate our spiritual path amidst these constant pressures. Our society seems to continually redefine our wants as needs, making it challenging to make value-driven choices.

For those of us on this Christian journey, this can create a unique tension. We're called to live lives that stand out, not because we're odd, but because we're purposefully different. Our aim is to be living witnesses of God's love in this world, and that often means aligning with higher values that transcend passing trends and "isms."

When the opportunity arises to support God's work, whether it's in our regular giving or special projects like this campaign, we sometimes find ourselves wrestling with how to respond. This is entirely natural because these opportunities are, in many ways, tests of our value system. It's easy to gauge our giving potential by what's left after our own needs are met.



Responses driven by our discipleship journey typically lead to us redefining our comfort zones and reassessing our needs. This process helps us strike a balance in our lives that's more in line with the values we hold dear.

This booklet is designed to be a friendly guide as you discern your sacrificial gift for this campaign. As you read through this information, we encourage you to keep an open heart and mind to where God is leading you. In the end, our aim is to joyfully follow God's direction and be obedient to His call.

LET'S BEGIN

5 SUGGESTIONS: WHERE TO START

1

Start with a simple prayer: "Lord, guide me in my giving. Thank you for all you've provided. I want to be a good steward, a cheerful giver. I trust you to continue providing as you've promised. Thank you for this opportunity to invest in your work. Amen."

2

Decisions reflecting sacrificial giving take time. Quick decisions often represent token responses. Ponder how you can give sacrificially.

Ask yourself, "How can I make a sacrificial gift?" The more you think, the more ways God may reveal to you.

3

If married, plan a family meeting. Engage your family in giving decisions. If single, consider talking to a friend. If you have children, it's a great opportunity to teach them about giving and faith.

4

In this booklet, you will find a brief Bible study guide. Read the passages and ponder their meaning. Ask, "How does this apply to me?" or "What do these passages teach about the relationship between faith and finances?"

5

Evaluate your financial habits thoroughly using the information in this guide. Creating an overview of where your money is going helps to answer, "What spending habit can I change to make a sacrificial commitment?"

Once you've considered these five suggestions, complete the worksheet at the end of the booklet to determine your individual or family commitment.

Remember: The church reaches its potential when everyone contributes according to their ability.

**EVERY GIFT, NO MATTER THE SIZE,
CONTRIBUTES TO CHRIST'S WORK.**

FAITH & FINANCES

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

As you begin considering your response to this campaign, focus on what the Bible teaches about faith and finances. Read the passages with an open heart, using a contemporary translation like the New International Version or the New Living Translation.

- 1 Chronicles 29: 10-19
 - What does David say about the source of our finances in this passage?
 - Why does David encourage generosity in our response?
 - How can we apply David's teachings about finances to our own lives today?
- Matthew 6: 19-21
 - According to God, what is the best investment we can make?
 - How can these verses guide our approach to material possessions and wealth?
 - What does storing up treasures in heaven mean in practical terms?
- 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8
 - What is the significance of sowing "sparingly" and "generously" in this context?
 - How does Paul's message about giving relate to the concept of generosity?
 - What principles can we extract from these verses to inform our own giving practices?
- 1 Timothy 6: 17-19
 - What is highlighted as the source of our wealth in these verses?
 - Is it inherently wrong to be wealthy, based on this passage?
 - What specific responsibilities or obligations do these verses suggest wealthy individuals have?

REMEMBER:

- Giving helps us put God first in our lives, reflecting our heart's need to give.
- "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - Jim Elliott.
- The world says, "Keep," but God says, "Give."
- Our spending habits reflect what's most important to us; where our heart is, our treasure lies.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

UNDERSTANDING THE HEART

Sacrifice may appear unfamiliar in our modern lives.

Amidst our comfort, genuine sacrifice may not be something we experience regularly. We might occasionally part with something small, yet it often doesn't resemble the profound sacrifices of the past.

However, the Bible frequently emphasizes the concept of sacrifice. It's like a two-sided coin: one side relates to the giver's attitude, and the other to the value of what's given. Those who give sacrificially view it as an act of worship and praise. They give with gratitude, and their giving is joyful.

Typically, they offer the best, something of value. In the Old Testament sacrifices, only the finest offerings were presented. They gave their first fruits, their very best.

In 2 Samuel verse 24, King David was instructed to buy a piece of land from Araunah, a Jebusite, for a sacrifice to God. Araunah, out of respect, offered to give the land and even his best two oxen as a gift for the sacrifice. However, David understood the essence of sacrifice. He told Araunah, "I will not offer to my God that which cost me nothing!"

So, what exactly is sacrificial giving? It may be more readily recognized than precisely defined. It undoubtedly involves the right attitude, but it also means giving back to God something that truly matters, something of value.

**A GIFT IS LIKELY NOT SACRIFICIAL UNTIL IT
RELATES TO OUR ABILITY TO GIVE.
SURPRISINGLY, SACRIFICIAL GIVING OFTEN
BECOMES OUR MOST JOYFUL GIVING!**

GIVING GUIDE

FOR GIVING OVER 3 YEARS

This campaign encourages three-year commitments, unlocking more possibilities. In short campaigns, responses are typically one-time cash gifts, but three years allow us to give from a broader perspective.

Consider a three-year commitment; it multiplies the impact of your gift. Your response becomes significant over 156 weeks or 36 months.

The Three-Year Giving Guide illustrates this. There is tremendous power in the 3-year giving window.

Monthly gift	Yearly Gift	3 Year Total
\$40	\$480	\$1,440
\$60	\$720	\$2,160
\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$200	\$2,400	\$7,200
\$300	\$3,600	\$10,800
\$400	\$4,800	\$14,400
\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$600	\$7,200	\$21,600
\$700	\$8,400	\$25,200
\$800	\$9,600	\$28,800
\$1000	\$12,000	\$36,000
\$1200	\$14,400	\$43,200
\$1600	\$19,200	\$57,600

*1 Year Tax Credit	*3 Year Tax Credit
\$187	\$560
\$306	\$917
\$544	\$1,632
\$782	\$2,346
\$1,139	\$3,418
\$1,735	\$5,204
\$2,330	\$6,990
\$2,926	\$8,777
\$3,521	\$10,563
\$4,116	\$12,349
\$4,712	\$14,135
\$5,903	\$17,708
\$7,093	\$21,280

So, don't think, "My gift won't make a difference given the project's size."

**WE NEED EVERYONE TO CONTRIBUTE; TOGETHER,
WE'LL SUCCEED.**

Don't say, "I can't give much, so I won't give at all."

**EVERY GIFT MATTERS BECAUSE IT REFLECTS OUR
COMMITMENT TO CHRIST'S WORK.**

MAXIMIZE

YOUR SUPPORT

Honoring God with our possessions is the starting point for all giving. As Christians, we're responsible for supporting God's work, which often begins with a tithe.

If you already give regularly and want to support the project further, consider:

- Delay a major purchase like a car (extend the life of your current one).
- Postpone home renovations until a later time.
- Opt for a more budget-friendly vacation destination closer to home.
- Consider redirecting investment funds toward God's work.

Weekly Coffee Runs:

3x \$6 coffees per week over 3 years = \$2808

Dinner out Monthly with the Family:

\$100/month over 3 years = \$3600

Cancelling one Monthly Subscription Service:

\$14/month over 3 years = \$504

For some, it's easier to earn more than spend less.

- If you're in sales, pray for additional contacts, and if successful, allocate some earnings.
- Utilize a spare room by renting it out (e.g., \$300 per month over 3 years totals \$10,800).
- Explore part-time work opportunities, including remote work (e.g., \$500 per month over 3 years equals \$18,000).
- Organize a garage sale, especially for items like unused exercise equipment.

REMEMBER:

These suggestions aren't a substitute for regular sacrificial giving but help those looking to do more within their current cash flow.

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FOR GIVING FROM ASSETS

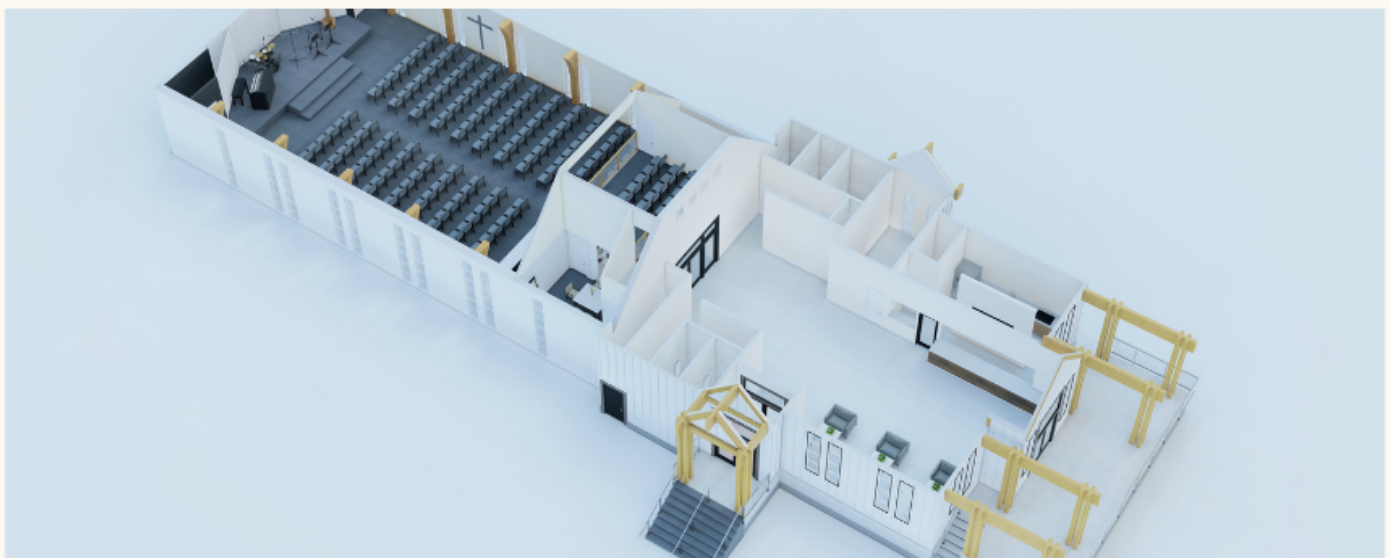
To realize the church's vision for ministry, we encourage both members and attendees to give generously and sacrificially. This generosity fuels the realization of our shared vision.

In the preceding section of this guide, we suggested that individuals who intend to contribute from their existing cash flow consider making a three-year commitment. This extended commitment period offers significant advantages. However, some may find themselves constrained to donate solely from their cash flow but may possess capital or assets that could be utilized.

In such cases, the following options might prove beneficial:

- Commitment via the transfer of publicly-traded securities.
- Commitment facilitated through the transfer from RRSP/RIF accounts.
- Commitment by donating paid-up life insurance policies.

If you're contemplating contributions from your capital or asset pool, or if you're exploring alternative methods not covered here, we recommend consulting with your financial advisor for specific details.



5 WAYS

THAT YOU CAN GIVE

FOR ANY PAYMENT METHOD, PLEASE SPECIFY THAT YOUR DONATION IS TO BE USED FOR THE "IT'S TIME BUILDING FUND" EITHER IN WRITING OR BY EMAILING DONATIONS@YARROWALLIANCE.ORG.

IF NO EMAIL IS RECEIVED WITHIN 24 HOURS, YOUR DONATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY DIRECTED INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

1

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH OUR WEBSITE

We have made giving online quick, easy, and secure. Use the Paypal portal on our website (under "Give") and select the "It's Time Building Fund" from the drop-down list.

2

IN-PERSON (DEBIT/CREDIT)

Make your way to the Connect Centre after the service and you can pay via debit or credit card. Someone will be there to assist you and to make sure all your information is filled out so you can be receipted properly. (only applicable when we meet in person)

3

BY MAIL

Make a cheque payable to Yarrow Alliance Church and deliver it to us by mailing it to our church address, 42479 Yarrow Central Road, Chilliwack, BC V2R 5C8.

4

ONLINE

Yarrow Alliance Church is a recognized bill payee with most major banks and credit unions. Donations can be made through the bill payment section of your online banking, selecting Yarrow Alliance Church as a Bill Payee and use your account number. Don't have one yet? Email donations@yarrowalliance.org.

5

AUTOMATED GIVING

To setup up automatic withdrawals from your bank account directly to Yarrow Alliance Church contact Kim.

MY GIVING PLAN

WORKSHEET

A. FROM MY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET, I CAN GIVE...

Weekly \$ _____ x 156 Weeks = \$ _____

Monthly \$ _____ x 36 Months = \$ _____

Yearly \$ _____ x 3 Years = \$ _____

Total I can give from my budget over 3 years: = \$ _____

A

B. FROM MY ASSETS, I CAN GIVE...

Stocks & securities = \$ _____

Other assets = \$ _____

Total I can give from my assets over 3 years: = \$ _____

B

C. FROM OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME, I CAN GIVE...

Rental Properties = \$ _____

Investment Income = \$ _____

Other income sources = \$ _____

Total I can give from my assets over 3 years: = \$ _____

C

D. WHAT I CAN GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

Some things I can give up, postpone, or do:

1. _____ = \$ _____
2. _____ = \$ _____
3. _____ = \$ _____

Total I can give from my assets over 3 years: = \$

D

E. WHAT I CAN GIVE AS A FAITH COMMITMENT

What I am trusting God to provide so I can give a Faith Commitment, over and above what I can give and what I can give sacrificially.

= \$

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WHAT I CAN GIVE OVER 3 YEARS:

- A** = \$ _____ +
B = \$ _____ +
C = \$ _____ +
D = \$ _____ +
E = \$ _____

(Add a through e)

MY PLEDGE

= \$ _____



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