

Designated Contributions Policy for The Church in Fairborn (as of Jan 1, 2024)

The Church in Fairborn is a recognized section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the Church in Fairborn receives donations from its members, from members of affiliated churches in the USA and in other countries, and from affiliated churches in the USA and abroad. These donations are used to meet local needs and to support missionary activities and specific projects of other local churches or of foreign charitable organizations that have been approved by the Directors of the Church in Fairborn as being in furtherance of the Church's tax-exempt purpose. However, the use of all funds donated to the Church in Fairborn is subject to the complete discretion and control of the Directors of the Church in Fairborn. Donors may request that their offerings be used to support a particular need, which may be taken into consideration with respect to the tax-exempt purpose of the Church, but such requests are not binding on the Church in Fairborn. Adherence to these IRS guidelines ensures that offerings made to the Church in Fairborn may qualify as tax-deductible charitable contributions.

The church in Fairborn welcomes designated contributions for the following funds and their respective sub-categories. To designate an offering in accordance with the following established funds, it is preferable that the offeror enclose the check or cash in an envelope with the designation written on the envelope or in a memo on electronic offerings.

Benevolence Fund (for needy saints)

The church, in exercise of its religious and charitable purposes, has established a benevolence fund to assist persons in financial need. The church welcomes contributions to the fund. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the benevolence committee recommendations from anyone, but the committee is not bound in any way to honor the recommendations. Donors will not be permitted to recover a contribution because the committee failed to honor the donor's recommendation.

The church recognizes that assisting persons in financial need is a continuing mission of the church and has established this fund as an ongoing fund. Should at any time in the future the church vote to close this fund, all money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the church.

The purpose of the benevolence fund is to provide assistance to members (as defined in the by-laws of the Church in Fairborn) in the case of emergent needs, such as accidental personal, monetary, or property loss, to take care of necessary expenses such as food, utilities, travel, or funeral expenses. The fund also provides assistance for continual needs of members with a lack of resources.

Disbursement from the fund can go to support the continual needs of members whose income is at or below 125% of the federal poverty level, or are experiencing sudden unemployment.

At least 2 members of the board of trustees will approve of expenditures from the fund. Where possible, checks will be made payable to the suppliers to whom the designated person owes money, rather than directly to him or her. Receipts and records for what was spent and to whom it was given will be kept on the church books.

Building and Grounds Fund (for current building expenses)

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes, has established a building and grounds fund to maintain the church building, grounds, and equipment. The church welcomes contributions to the fund. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the control and discretion of the building and grounds committee or church. The committee may consider recommendations from anyone, but in no event is the committee bound in any way to honor the recommendations. Donors will not be permitted to recover a contribution on the grounds that the committee failed to honor the donor's recommendation.

The church recognizes that maintaining the church building, grounds, and equipment is a practice of good stewardship and has established this fund as an ongoing fund. Should at any time in the future the church vote to close this fund, all money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the church.

Property Fund (for future building projects)

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes, has established a property fund to provide for the future needs of the church for major repairs, major remodeling, expansion, or construction of facilities for the church property. The church welcomes contributions to the fund.

The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the control of the property committee or church. The church may consider recommendations from anyone, but in no event is the church bound in any way to honor the recommendations. Donors will not be permitted to recover a contribution on the grounds that the church failed to honor the donor's recommendation.

The church recognizes that planning for future needs is a practice of good stewardship and has established this fund as an ongoing fund. Should at any time in the future the church vote to close this fund, all money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the church.

Missions Fund--

Typically comprising of designations for (but not limited to):

Full-time campus work

Gospel activities/trips
World-wide building projects
Literature distribution
Disaster relief
Outreach events/trips

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes and mission, has established a missions fund to provide resources for the church, church members, or other worthy persons or organizations spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. The fund can also provide resources to church members or other worthy individuals for short-term gospel trips or outreach events, or support of long-term missions (such as full-time campus work). The church welcomes contributions to the fund.

The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the control and discretion of the missions committee or church. The missions committee may consider recommendations from anyone, but in no event is the committee bound in any way to honor the recommendations. Donors will not be permitted to recover a contribution on the grounds that the committee failed to honor the donor's recommendation.

The church recognizes that spreading the gospel is the primary purpose of the church and has established this fund as an ongoing fund. Should at any time in the future the church vote to close this fund, all money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the church.

Ministry Fund

Typically comprising of designations for (but not limited to):

Young people work funds
Children's work funds

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes and mission, has established a ministry fund to provide resources for the church and its various ministries. The ministries are, but not limited to, the following: young people's work, children's work, elders/responsible ones training, and evangelism. The church welcomes contributions to the fund and donations may be requested for a specific ministry of the church provided the church has budgeted funds in the general budget for that ministry. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the control and discretion of the finance committee or church. The finance committee or church may consider recommendations from anyone, but in no event is the finance committee bound in any way to honor the recommendations. Donors will not be permitted to recover a contribution on the grounds that the finance committee or church failed to honor the donor's recommendation.

The church recognizes that ministry is a vital part of the church's purpose and has established this fund as an ongoing fund. Should at any time in the future the church vote to close this fund, all money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the church.

Love Offering Fund

Typically comprising of designations for (but not limited to)::

Gifts to visiting co-workers

Gifts to local co-laboring saints

The church, in exercise of its religious and charitable purposes, has established a love offering fund. The purpose of the love offering fund is to honor laborers in the field with a financial gift. The church welcomes contributions to the fund. However, the love offering will be considered taxable income to the recipient.

The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the finance committee or church. The finance committee may consider recommendations from anyone, but the committee is not bound in any way to honor the recommendations. Donors will not be permitted to recover a contribution because the committee failed to honor the donor's recommendation.

The church recognizes that the love offering fund is part of the continuing mission of the church and has established this fund as an ongoing fund. Should at any time in the future the church vote to close this fund, all money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the church.