As churches deal with the realities of physical distancing, many deacons have asked what to do about offerings when we can’t physically pass the plate. Why is it important to find ways for our congregations to continue to give during this time?

- **Disciples of Christ need to give.** Giving is an act of worship as well as a commitment to our community of believers. Most people want to give, but need new tools at this time.

- **The church and its ministries still need to receive.** The expenses of the church and the other causes it supports are ongoing even during this crisis. Furthermore, the need for benevolence will likely increase as the economic effects of COVID-19 hit our communities.

### CRCNA ONLINE GIVING

Individuals get a link to give online with credit card or bank withdrawal. CRCNA will send money to the church and issue the receipts. This is only for budget offerings; no special funds or external causes. 3% fee per transaction. Register your church here: [CRCNA online giving](#).

### DIRECT E-TRANSFER

Individuals can send offerings directly from their bank account to a designated church email address (eg. donations@ABCchurch.com). The treasurer will issue receipts and disburse money to external causes as usual. Second offerings must be indicated in the comment box on the e-transfer (eg. “75% budget, 25% food bank”). Bank fees may apply.

### CRCNA P.A.R. SYSTEM

Pre-authorized monthly bank withdrawals go to the CRCNA and then to your church. Givings can be directed to budget, benevolence or “other” funds, but second offering causes cannot be specified. No administrative fee. Individuals register here: [PAR brochure](#).

### CRCNA BRIDGE APP "GIVE" FUNCTION

Allows credit card giving from a mobile device. (E-transfers coming soon.) Each church can add its own second offering causes. 3% fee per transaction. BridgeApp registration is $424/year. Check with your classis; most are covering this. More information here: [Bridge App website](#).

### CANADAHELPS.ORG

All registered charities (including churches) can claim a landing page by providing bank information. Donor gives by credit card or through PayPal. CanadaHelps forwards money to the church and sends out tax receipts. Cost: 3.75% fee/transaction. Different funds within the church can be specified, but not external causes. For more information: [CanadaHelps website](#).

### WHAT ABOUT SECOND OFFERINGS?

Apart from using the BridgeApp, the easiest way to collect for secondary causes is through an organization’s own donation page. Links from the CRCNA Offering Calendar can be found here: [www.crcna.org/ChurchYear](#).

**NOTE:** Remember those without computer and/or internet access. Always include giving options for them: mail-in, offer pick-up from their home, or designate a drop-off location (church or other).