

Advancing God's Kingdom Through Your Ministry Shares

Hello Canadian Classes!

I hope that 2024 has brought positivity and growth to your church communities. I am genuinely excited to be by your side, offering support in ways that truly matter to you. In this email, you'll discover a wealth of valuable information designed to benefit your individual churches:

- **You're Invited:** If you're a Church Treasurer or Deacon Chair you are personally invited to a special Zoom call on September 26th at 7 PM EDT!
- **Ministry Shares Update:** We provide totals for giving in 23/24 and synod approved allocations for 24/25.
- **Selling Church Property? Managing Significant Financial Gains?:** Discover CNCF, for churches managing large sums of money.
- **Securing Legacy Gifts for Your Church:** Helpful tools to assist your church in receiving legacy gifts.
- **ONCA Reminder:** Stay compliant with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) with relevant information for Ontario classes and churches.
- **Ministry Share Video Resources:** Access video resources crafted to enrich and support your congregation

As fall approaches, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the incredible generosity of our Canadian churches towards our shared ministries. Your denominational ministry shares help us spread the gospel, support our local churches and communities, bring hope and love to those in need. Thank you for being such an important part of this community and mission!



Warmly In Christ,

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Church Finances Zoom Call

We know you juggle a lot—everything from budgets, church property sales to minister pension funds, the PAR system, and digital giving. That's why we want to equip you with the best tools and knowledge to make church finances easier and more fun! If you're a Church Treasurer or Deacon Chair you are personally invited to a special Zoom call on **September 26th at 7 PM EST!**

In the first 30 minutes, you'll get the latest updates on supporting your church finances in creative and effective ways. Then, for the final 30 minutes, you'll have the chance to speak with our special guests zoom breakout rooms to discuss the areas where your church most needs support:

- **Al Postma (Executive Director):** Any denominational questions
- **Terry Veldboom:** Bridge App/PAR Administration and Minister's Pension
- **Christian Stewardship Services:** Church Legacy & Estate Planning
- **Canadian National Christian Foundation:** Managing large sums of money from church closures, property sales, or legacy gifts.
- **Roshani Morton:** Ministry Shares Pledge Cycle
- **Kristen Vanderberg:** Sunday Offering Calendar

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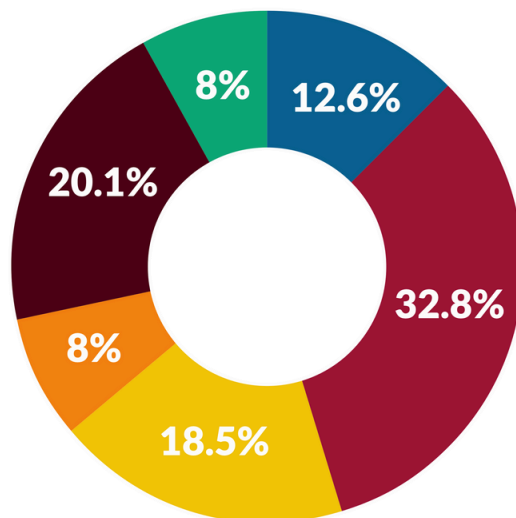
Ministry Share Giving

Synod's Newly Approved Allocation of your Ministry Share Dollars (24/25)

We're excited to announce that during the last fiscal year (23/24) you as Canadian Churches gave \$6,278,727 towards our shared ministries. Thank you for your partnership in strengthening the church in Canada and beyond.

When your church makes a contribution to ministry shares, our Canadian gift entry team processes your gift based on the percentages below for 24/25.

- Office of General Secretary
- Canadian Ministry Board
- Thrive
- ReFrame Ministries
- Resonate Global Mission
- Calvin Theological Seminary



Selling Church Property? Managing Significant Financial Gains?

In the past few months, several churches have reached out for advice on navigating property sales and managing substantial financial gains from legacy gifts. Here are some tips to make things smoother for you:

First up, let's chat about the CRA's T3010 filings. They're all about transparency when it comes to financial assets, so it's key not to sit on a significant amount of cash post-sale without a plan. For managing these financial gains, my top recommendation is the Canadian National Christian Foundation (CNCF).

Here's why:

- CNCF lets you manage your assets efficiently while shifting them off your books, ensuring compliance and clarity.
- Customize your fund without yearly spending rules.
- 100% of your CNCF Giving Fund is ready for charity grants—no minimums or maximums, allowing you to direct funds to charities, including your own church.
- CNCF can work with your church's financial professional to manage the assets in your CNCF Giving Fund, if desired.
- CNCF functions similarly to a foundation, providing churches under its umbrella the capability to manage larger holdings. Benefits include the ability to hold and invest funds, recommend grants, and handle complex gifts such as public securities and legacy gifts.



If you're keen to dive deeper into this option, Ray Borg at CNCF (ray@cncf.ca) is my vetted recommendation for your church. He comes highly recommended for his expertise in helping churches like yours manage funds effectively.

Helping Your Church Receive Legacy Gifts

Is your council aware of the financial benefits of promoting legacy giving within your church? Many lifelong CRCNA members are leaving substantial gifts in their wills to their home churches. However, it's often overlooked that many CRC churches do not actively encourage or inform their congregants about this option.

For Councils, Treasurers, and Pastors, it's our collective responsibility to seek financial stability for future generations in our church community. Our Advancement team is here to support your church with practical tools that make it easy for you to promote legacy giving.

To get started, one gentle way to introduce the idea of planned giving to your congregation is by sharing information. Feel free to utilize the video resource below, created specifically for our Canadian CRC churches, featuring Greta Lumies, a retired financial planner and Chair of the Canadian Ministry Board.

By incorporating discussions about planned giving a few times a year, you raise awareness among your congregants about including their church in their wills as an option. By doing so, you are ensuring a strong and sustainable financial future for your church community.

Our partner, Christian Stewardship Services (CSS), would be delighted to support your church in this education process. You can reach them at 1-800-267-8890 ext. 217 or visit csservices.ca.



Watch Video



ONCA Reminder

A friendly reminder for our Churches in Ontario that you are a registered nonprofit under Ontario's Corporations Act, then Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) is applicable to you. This includes both churches and Ontario classes.

ONCA became law on October 19, 2021. Existing not-for-profit corporations and registered charities have until October 18, 2024, to ensure their compliance with ONCA.



- **ONCA Webinar:** In July 2023, the denomination conducted a comprehensive presentation on Ontario's not-for-profit corporations act.
- **Legal Support:** If you require legal support and guidance related to ONCA compliance, Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) has compiled a list of lawyers who are available to assist in this matter. The list includes several lawyers (Teresa Douma, David van der Woerd, Terrance Carter) who have worked within our denomination and have extensive experience in assisting churches and nonprofits, particularly with ONCA matters.
- **Denominational Support:** For any additional inquiries, please contact Terry Veldboom at tveldboom@crcna.org.
- **Sample Bylaws:** If your church is interested in viewing sample bylaws that some of our CRC churches are using as a template please email rmorton@crcna.org

New Ministry Share Videos for Your Congregation



Gratitude Overflow: Celebrating Churches' Vital Support for the Office of General Secretary

In this video, we delve into the profound impact your contributions have on the Office of General Secretary, the vital backbone that empowers the church to be its best self.



Your Ministry Shares at Work...A Visit To the Edmonton Native Healing Center

Ever wonder where your ministry share dollars go? Join Harold Rosccher as he gives you a tour of the Edmonton Native Healing Center and see for yourself one example of how your generosity is changing lives and spreading love!