

Unity Church in the Rockies

Tithing Policy

Effective Date: October 1, 2007

Unity believes and teaches tithing. Tithing is a spiritual practice where we acknowledge that God is the source of our supply, and that, as we give so shall we receive. When we put God first in our finances, we attract greater good into our lives. Tithing leads to a greater consciousness that divine order is being made manifest in our outer life and affairs as efficiency and prosperity are increased. A giving heart attracts to it the infinite abundance of the Universe.

It is the policy of Unity Church in the Rockies to tithe 10% on all monies received by the Church through donations. This has been our norm, and we will continue this practice with the exception of any donation made by an individual or group who expressly requests their donation be exempt from the Church's tithing policy. This request is to be made in writing such as a note on the check or an additional written note.

Most gifts from contributors to Unity Church in the Rockies do not have a specified purpose. They are given in support of the Church and are deposited into the General Fund for general church operations. Therefore, they are considered **unrestricted** funds. However, some gifts are given for a specific purpose (such as a fundraiser) and fall under the category of **restricted** funds.

1. Policy: It is the policy of Unity Church in the Rockies to tithe 10% on all contributions. Therefore, if a contribution is restricted, 90% will go into the restricted account and 10% will be tithed. However, if a donor requests that 100% of the gift be used for a specific purpose (restricted), we will honor the request.
2. Charitable Organizations: Tithe payments made by Unity Church in the Rockies are limited to charitable organizations that perform services within the scope of the mission of Unity Church in the Rockies. Information on these charities is given at the annual meeting. By request, we will provide a list of chosen charities at any time. Decisions on the charities and amounts they receive are made by the Unity Church in the Rockies Board of Trustees.
3. Disclosure of Policy: We will annually disclose our tithing policy. This will be done through a variety of venues such as the Board's Board (in the hallway), Newsletter, annual reports, and/or the annual meeting.
4. Anonymous Donor: If the gift donor is anonymous, we will tithe 10% unless the donor indicates in some manner that the donation is to be used 100% toward a specific purpose.
5. Fundraising Exceeds Target Amount: If fundraising is announced for a specific purpose, and the amount of donations received has exceeded the target amount, any additional donations will be placed in a restricted account to be used toward a future project. The tithing policy stated above will apply.
6. Future Programs & Projects + 10% Tithe: Future programs and projects will include the estimated cost of the project plus a 10% tithe. By including the tithe amount, the Board of Trustees can more accurately communicate the amount of funds required to be raised.

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Restricted Donations Designation Form

I have received a copy of the Tithing Policy dated October 1, 2007 and I wish my restricted donation of \$_____ to be applied as follows:

Please check one:

_____ I wish 10% of my restricted donation to be given as a tithe.

_____ I wish _____% of my restricted donation to be given as a tithe.

_____ I do not want 10% of my restricted donation to be given as a tithe.

I wish the balance of my donation to be applied as follows:

\$_____ to go towards _____

\$_____ to go towards _____

\$_____ to go towards _____

\$_____ to go towards _____

Please print your name: _____

Please sign your name: _____

Date: _____