

# Creative Strategies for Giving

**Cash Flow Gifts:** A person can give significantly by giving smaller amounts at higher frequencies. Weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly giving allows large gifts to be reached in smaller steps.

**DIVERTED FUNDS GIFTS:** Freeing up funds which are currently going to other areas of spending allows a person to increase giving to God's work. Diverting funds from entertainment, dining out, dues, subscriptions, gifts, allowances, utilities, or transportation, offers lifestyle adjustments which impact one's giving.

**DELAYED EXPENDITURES:** The delaying of purchases allows a person to significantly increase giving. The acquisition of major items such as automobiles, clothing, or trips, when postponed, allows substantial giving opportunities.

## **INCOME PRODUCING ASSETS:**

Interest income, payments from rental properties or monies from other income producing assets provide a source for increased giving.

## **SALES OF ASSETS:**

Sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land, or business provide available income for giving.

## **RAISES / BONUSES:**

Dedicating one's forthcoming raises and bonuses is a creative method people have used to increase giving.

## **FREEDOM FROM DEBT:**

As a person looks ahead into the next three years, he or she may discover that debt obligations will be fulfilled. This frees up revenue for additional giving.

## **UNIQUE SKILLS INCOME:**

Some people have marketable hobbies or skills, which enable them to give from those new profits.

## **CHARITABLE GIVING RESOURCES:**

Reviewing all of one's charitable donations in light of their impact on the kingdom of God affords a resource for significant giving.

**SAVINGS AND ANNUITIES:** Savings for special projects, retirement or a "rainy day" may offer a resource for increased giving. Often we realize that a portion of our savings may safely be given to the work of God's kingdom through our church.

**CORPORATE GIFTS:** Those who have used their business as a source for giving have made significant donations.

**ADDITIONAL WORK INCOME:** Taking a second job or part-time job or coming out of retirement are successful strategies people have used to increase giving.

*Your commitment card provides space to make a non-cash gift in addition to your three-year cash gift. Record those gifts such as stock, bonds, real estate, jewelry, automobiles, and other on the appropriate line and indicate your estimation of its value.*