

What is a Mission offertory?

It is money collected from the church that goes towards our church mission work. This is separate from the regular church offertory because funds do not go into the general budget but the missionary budget (which was approved at the August Member's meeting).

1. Like regular church offertory, it comes from a heart of worship to God

Conviction of the Gospel leads us to give our whole life to God which includes our heart, time and also our finances. *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship". Romans 12:1*

2. There is a close relationship between church and missionaries in advancing the Gospel

In our love and devotion to God, we are committed to God's mission and seeing people come to know the Lord Jesus. But more than that, we see missionaries are dependent on churches and missionaries work on behalf of their partners (e.g. Paul and the early church) *"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15*

Financial giving one of many ways we support missionaries. We also regularly pray for them, send them gifts, have them visit us and also visit them when we can.

What should I consider when giving a Mission offertory?

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he asks the church to make a few considerations when supporting Titus and himself.

1. We are sowing into God's Kingdom

God doesn't command Christians to give a certain amount, but provides opportunities to give generously. Those who sow much will reap much in bearing fruit for God's kingdom. *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" 2 Corinthians 9:6*

2. Carefully decide and then give cheerfully

We are stewards of what God has given us. Looking at what we have, we should prayerfully consider how much to give. Then with a cheerful heart we should give. God loves joyful giving because it shows a contentment in God and the generous gift he has given us. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

3. Know that it encourages others

Our giving to missionaries and Christian ministries causes both the people receiving the blessings as well as others in the church to be thankful towards God as they see the work of God's grace. Through Mission offertory, we experience the blessing of seeing God's people loving and supporting one another. *"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12*

Where does the Mission offertory go?

The full amount of mission offertory goes towards missionaries, ministry workers and other Christian organisations that the church approved at the Member's meeting. For more information about them, please contact the Missionary Committee via email: robert.robayna@cabc-wr.org

How do I give my Mission offertory?

During the mission month, our church will hand out the mission offertory form. Two slips are distributed – one is to handed in before the mission month and the other is retained as a personal record and prayerful reminder of the amount you have offered. Then, weekly or monthly, you could put the amount that you have wish to give in an envelope and clearly mark on it "mission offertory". Then place it into the bags during regular church offertory. Bank transfer is also available. Please transfer into 'mission offertory'; bank account: Chinese and Australian Baptist Church – West Ryde (Commonwealth Bank (BSB:062161 A/C:10117632).