

## **Mission Fund 'Offertory Pledge'**

### **What is a Mission Fund 'Offertory Pledge'?**

A Mission Fund Offertory Pledge is simply an amount of money, which by faith you are going to trust God to enable you to give within the specified period of a year towards the support of our missionary ministry. A Mission Offertory Pledge is an offering that God will have Through you that He would not normally give To you unless He could trust you to pass it on.

### **What is the Biblical Basis of an Offertory Pledge?**

2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9 are generally regarded as the great two chapters which deal with the Offertory Pledge concept of giving. In 2 Corinthians chapter 8 verse 3, we read where the Macedonians 'gave as much as they were able and even 'Beyond Their Ability'. 'Beyond their ability' relates specifically to their Offertory Pledge giving as they put their faith upon the Lord to provide them the ability to financially fulfil their promise towards supporting the mission ministry.

### **What is the Relationship between an Offertory Pledge Offering and the giving of Tithes and Offering?**

An Offertory Pledge offering, as the name implies, is an offering that is based on faith. Tithes and offerings are dependent upon salary and income, 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house' (Malachi 3:10). Offertory Pledge Offering only depends on faith, 'How much can I trust God to give through me?' I trust that the Lord will enable me to give beyond the tithe with my known income and if not, He will supply.

### **When should an Offertory Pledge Be made?**

Usually, an Offertory Pledge Offering is made at the time of the church mission month or the annually missionary convention. During the mission month period an 'Offertory Pledge Offering' Form will be distributed for response, alternatively church members are encouraged to provide 'Offertory Pledge Offering online'.

The Response Form is divided into 3 parts:

- Part 1 – The response to mission fund 'Offertory Pledge Offering.
- Part 2 – Explanation on how to make mission offering.
- Part 3 – Offertory Pledge Offering record for the responder

### **How should an Offertory Pledge Offering be given?**

After you have prayerfully determined the amount, which by faith you are going to trust God to enable you to give week by week towards the support of our missionary family, you then need to pray for that amount. As God gives it to you, you then pass it on week by week through the normal Church offering envelope by clearly marking 'Missionary Fund'.

### **Does an Offertory Pledge Offering really work?**

Because an Offertory Pledge Offering is dependent upon God for its fulfilment rather than upon available resources, it always works. The testimony of last century's famous Canadian mission advocate Dr Oswald J. Smith who is generally regarded as the pioneer of the Offertory Pledge concept, as he followed this method of giving was this, 'If I had waited until I had the money, I would never have given it, because I would never have had it. But, I promise it when I didn't have it. I made a Faith Promise and God honoured the Promise.

### **What is the Motivating Power of an Offertory Pledge Offering as Compared with other Methods of giving?**

With other methods of giving, the motivating power is usually either duty and need or dedication and sacrifice. With an Offertory Pledge giving, the motivating power is one's faith in God's power and ability and willingness to provide. Jesus said, 'according to your faith be it unto you' (Matthew 9:29), Jesus also said, 'with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

Dear brothers & sisters,

Please find below our Mission Fund budget for 2022/2023 (subject to approval by Church Council and Members), we would appreciate your prayer and support to empower the church to take part in the Lord's Great Commission.

CABCWR Mission Team

<b>華澳浸信會展愛堂 2022/2023年度 差傳基金預算(建議) CABCWR Missionary Budget 2022/2023 (Proposed)</b>			
<b>Supported Missionaries 宣教士支持</b>		<b>Support to Mission/Christian Organizations 差傳/福音機構支持</b>	
Johan & Debbie Linder 凌約翰	\$ 4,800	Tree of Life Pastor (Phin Kosal) Support Scheme (生命樹牧者支持計劃)	\$1,500
Patrick & Jennie Fung 冯浩鏗	\$ 2,000	Marsden High School SRE Scripture Teaching (Daniel Joo) Marsden 中學聖經教授	\$4,500
Calvin & Joyce Ma 馬錦鏗	\$ 2,000	Worldshare (CNEC)	\$1,200
Hoi-Yan Shea 余凱恩	\$ 3,300	Global Recordings Network Australia 環球錄音網絡(GRN Australia)	\$1,200
Aaron & Amy Koh 許崇仁	\$ 4,800	Tree of Life missionary network 生命樹宣教網絡	\$1,200
Aure & Di	Not required at this time 暫時不需	China Yunnan LuFeng Bible Training Centre (through Tree of Life) 雲南祿豐縣苗族聖經學院(經生命樹)	\$3,000
Ben & Lorien	\$ 4,000	Bible Society 聖經學會	\$1,200
Daniel Sze 施文遠	\$ 15,000	CCCOWE 世界華人福音中心	\$1,200
Iris Leung (Sydney Uni)	\$ 2,750	SCCCA (Sydney Chinese Christian Church Association) 雪梨華人教會聯合會	\$1,200
John & Regine Gill	\$ 4,000	Chinese Christian Mission 中國信徒佈道會	\$2,500
Grace Huang 黃凱琳	\$ 4,800	First Light Care 晨光協會	\$1,200
Sunny Deng 鄧歡 (Macquarie Uni)	\$ 4,800	Life Monthly 生活月刊	\$1,200
Kevin & Mathea Yeung	\$ 4,800	Hope Street	\$1,200
Lawrence & Liling Tan 陳恒信	\$ 4,800	CTCA - Chinese Theological College in Australia 澳洲華人教牧神學院	\$3,000
<b>Total support to missionaries 宣教士支持總額</b>	<b>\$ 61,850</b>	<b>Total support to Mission/christian Organizations 宣教/福音機構支持總額</b>	<b>\$26,500</b>
<b>Other Mission related fund 其它宣教支持</b>			
Short term mission local 本土短宣	\$8,000	Mission Convention 差傳年會	\$500
Training 訓練	\$1,000		
<b>Total support to Other Mission related fund 其它宣教支持總額</b>			<b>\$9,500</b>
<b>Total 2022/2023 Mission fund budget 2022/2023 年度差傳預算總額</b>			<b>\$97,850</b>