

PLUS 1%

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The PLUS 1% program is inexpensive, easy to implement and endeavors to accomplish the following goals:

- 1. Encourage Biblical proportionate giving.**
- 2. Increase annual member contributions.**



Why Engage the Plus 1% Program?

Per contributing member giving in the SELC District is **2.5% of annual personal income**. If each contributing member increased by 1 % of annual income, the average per member would rise to **3.5% . . .** an overall increase of **40%**. Translated into dollars, a 1% increase by only three members would be:

Annual Income	2.5% Contribution	+ 1% Increase	= New Annual Total
\$15,000	\$ 375	\$ 150	\$ 525
\$35,000	\$ 875	\$ 350	\$1,225
\$60,000	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$2,100</u>
	\$2,750	\$1,100	\$3,850 (+40%)

Statistics indicate **33%** of church members in the U.S. are involved in worship attendance and financial support. One third of an average congregation will at least consider a 1% increase. Economic factors or personal circumstances may reduce the response of those increasing to **20%**. The budget impact would nevertheless still be considerable. A \$200,000 budget increased by 20% equals \$240,000.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The financial secretary should prepare an “Annual Financial Analysis of Contributions” indicating weekly giving amounts of contributing units. See sample attached.**
- 2. Include the attached Plus 1% Form and Financial Analysis of Contributions together with the annual financial statements mailed to contributing members.**
- 3. Sermons and Bible studies about proportionate giving prior to the mailing as well as bulletin/newsletter information regarding the Plus 1% challenge are essential.**

WARNING

Do not include the church budget. Such data may shift the focus away from proportionate giving to need giving.



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A CONTRIBUTION GROWTH GOAL TO INCREASE CHURCH GIVING BY 1% OF PERSONAL ANNUAL INCOME

If you are able and wish to increase your church contributions this year according to a growth goal of 1 %, please complete this form and keep it for future reference as a personal reminder.

My Anticipated Annual Income This Year	1% or ____%	My Annual Contribution Last Year	My Planned Contribution This Year	Divided by 52: My Weekly Contribution
\$ _____	x .01 = \$ _____	+ \$ _____	= \$ _____ \$ _____

Sample of a 1% annual increase for a person who contributed 2.5% of annual income the previous year
 \$ \$27,000 x .01 = \$ \$270 + \$ \$675 = \$ \$945 \$ \$18.17

(If husband and wife are included as one contributing unit via one envelope, both incomes should be included as annual income)

BIBLICAL GIVING

- Proportionate ... A percentage of income (1 Cor. 16:2)**
- Regular Contributing on a weekly basis (1 Cor. 16:2)**
- First-fruit Giving to God first (Proverbs 3:9-10)**
- Cheerful “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7)**

If you are able and wish to exceed a 1% Plus growth in giving by a higher percentage or, perhaps, even a tithe (10% of annual income), indicate the percentage increase and total in the blanks in the second column. The tithe is recommended not only in the Old Testament. Jesus encourages it in Matthew 23:23 and Luke 11:42.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

For the Year _____

The analysis indicates the weekly contributions of _____ contributing units..

Number of Contributing Units	Amounts Contributed per Week
71	.00
66	.01 - 1.00
8	1.01 - 2.00
12	2.01 - 3.00
9	3.01 - 4.00
6	4.01 - 5.00
5	5.01 - 6.00
3	6.01 - 8.00
6	8.01 - 10.00
5	10.01 - 12.00
13	12.01 - 15.00
6	15.01 - 20.00
12	20.01 - 30.00
4	30.01 - 40.00
1	40.01 - 50.00
1	50.01 - 60.00
1	60.01 - 70.00
3	70.01 - 80.00
<u>2</u>	80.00 - 90.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Financial Secretary