

Gifts in Time

St. John the Divine Anglican Church Automated Giving Program

Dear Envelope Holder,

Do you know about *Gifts in Time*? *Gifts in Time* is an electronic, pre-authorized giving program at St. John the Divine Anglican Church to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give your financial gifts to help our Church's ministry. Your offertory is simply withdrawn from your account (with your authorization of course!) and electronically transferred to St. John's account.

Stewardship of time, talent and money has been strength of St. John's for many years. During times of enormous change, our parish has remained focused in fulfilling its mission of "*a community helping others to grow in Christ, loving God and loving our neighbours*".

Gifts in Time is a straight forwarded stewardship tool offered as a relevant, modern option in response to the timeless gift of grace. As you examine your own response to the boundless gift of God's grace, consider making a simple, but profound, choice about stewardship.

The commitment to good stewardship starts with each of us individually. And the *Gifts in Time* program helps your commitment take consistent shape. It allows you to share first fruits through planned giving and activates your stewardship into an ongoing generous response.

The *Gifts in Time* program benefits you, and it benefits our entire congregation:

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| † Your stewardship plan is moved into action. | † Our Church's ministry will be carried forward. |
| † You pay no fees to participate. | † Our congregation's revenues increase with more consistent gifts. |
| † You keep your envelopes for times when you want to make an additional gift or offering. | † It makes our financial volunteers' jobs easier. |
| † You determine the frequency of your gift (e.g. semi-monthly or monthly). | † More consistent gifts to St. John's can help prevent periods of slump and enables more effective planning. |
| † You can choose to have your gift withdrawn either from your chequing or savings account. | † Our Treasurer's projections will be more efficient and accurate. |
| † You can increase or decrease your gift amount at any time. | † Our stewardship discussion is stimulated throughout the entire parish. |
| † Your gift is given consistently, even when you are unable to attend Sunday worship. | † St. John's is able to offer a relevant option to help build better stewardship. |

Whether you choose the *Gifts in Time* option or continue to give as you have in the past, we urge you to plan your giving according to Jesus' master plan of giving. If you have any questions about the program, please call the office 250-334-4331.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good word."

2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 (NSRV)

Yours in Christ,

St. John the Divine Anglican Church Envelope Secretaries

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To make financial gifts to St. John the Divine through the *Gifts in Time* program, complete this form and return it to the Church office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel#: _____ Alt. Tel#: _____

New Authorization Change in authorized amount Change in account

Frequency: Semi-monthly (transferred on the 1st and 15th of each month)

Monthly – transferred on the: 1st of the month 15th of the month

Amount: _____ Start Date: _____

Please take my contribution directly from my: Chequing account (attach voided cheque)

Savings Account (attach encoded deposit)

I hereby authorize St. John the Divine Anglican Church to process debit entries to my account. I have attached a voided cheque or encoded savings account deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give notification to terminate this authorization.

Authorized signature on my account: _____

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	Envelope Number	Date