

Donation Options Fact Sheet

Over the last couple of years, the church has increased the options available for sending in donations. A brief explanation of each and the costs to the church are as follows:

1. DIRECT DEBIT – this facility enables a specific amount to be automatically debited from your bank account on a monthly basis. Most major financial institutions offer this facility to their customers. If you are interested in making donations using this facility you will need to complete a “Direct Debit Request” which can be sent to you upon request or downloaded from our website at http://www.gci.org.au/Donation_Options

The main benefit of this method is its convenience to the donor as there are no costs for cheque fees or postage, and no need to queue in a bank line. It is also a secure and time-saving method of donating. Each transaction costs the church 10 cents.

2. CREDIT CARD – this facility allows the church to receive donations by credit card – Visa, Mastercard and American Express- or online through our secure SSL web site. This can be done using a Regular Periodical Payment slip or a One-Off Payment slip or online at the URL address below. These forms can be obtained by phoning the office or from our website at http://www.gci.org.au/Donation_Options

The bank charges the church a fee of 1.5 % of the total amount of each transaction made using this method.

3. DIRECT DEPOSIT – this is a facility which the church used for many years. It was withdrawn in December, 1994 due to the high bank costs involved, but was re-instituted after negotiations with the bank.

A deposit book is provided to those wishing to donate using this method. Each book is especially encoded with an “agent number” which allows us to identify the donor for receipting purposes. Deposits can be made at any branch of the National Australia Bank. Each deposit costs the Church 90 cents.

4. B-PAY – is available in Australia to make donations. B-Pay is easy to use, secure and highly accessible. The service enables donors to retain full control of the transaction, initiating the payment directly through their financial institution's telephone banking platform, specifying the transaction amount and selecting the account type to be debited.

B-Pay is generally available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

Each transaction will cost the church 68 cents for using B-Pay from a cheque or savings account. The bank charges for using B-Pay from your credit card will be 90 cents per transaction plus an additional 0.5% of the total amount donated.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. If you would like further information on any of these options, please contact the church office accounts department on 07 5553-6000.