

2024 Givings Commitment

I/We make a financial commitment to Robertson-Wesley for 2024.

Name(s) (Please Print)

E-mail (Helps for sending out givings updates)

Envelope Number (Optional)

- Enroll me/us in Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
Please enclose a VOID cheque or credit card info.
Must be a monthly contribution.

R-W costs continue to rise. We ask that you prayerfully take this into consideration when you make your financial commitment for 2024

In Response to the call I/We commit to the following:

R-W Church Expenses

\$ _____ Weekly Monthly Annually

Mission & Service

\$ _____ Weekly Monthly Annually

Anniversary Legacy Fund

\$ _____ Weekly Monthly Annually

Other R-W Programs (fill out below)

\$ _____ Program: _____

Weekly Monthly Annually

Signature

Please tear off this Givings Commitment card and return it to the church. If possible, return by November 19, 2023 but it may be completed at any time.



By Making a Giving Commitment

- God's Spirit of Gratitude is spread with our commitment in Robertson-Wesley.
- We are sharing our abundance for the good of all.
- We are actively living out God's call in the community that R-W serves.

Consider joining PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) so your monthly contribution is automatic, or make monthly e-transfers.

Consider volunteer opportunities that reveal your gifts to other so that your energy and ability increase the abundance for all in the world.

THE 2024 THEME:

*Hidden Abundance Revealed:
shared with all, answering God's call*

Paul writes to the Corinthians saying, "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 work." (2 Cor 9:3-8)

God has provided us with all that we need to live out our call in the world which is to love and serve others with all that we have and all that we are. Sometimes we think we don't have enough, or we have very little to offer, or that our skills don't fit with the faithful call. Everyone has skills and resources they can contribute. In the fall Gratitude campaign people are asked to consider their resources especially their financial resources and to return to God through their offerings to R-W that part of their financial gifts that they are able to contribute.

Spritely, the spirit of gratitude, is a seeker of spiritual gifts. Spritely sees what we humans sometimes miss. Spritely is here to move us and spark our imaginations to see value in each person who is participating in the life of R-W. Spritely sees the potential in the collective community of faith. Spritely will help us see this too!

What do you bring to this community of faith that needs to be shared?

How will this shared abundance be revealed and shared in the community R-W serves?

Gratitude

Hidden Abundance Revealed



*Shared with all
Answering God's call*

*Giving our energy,
resources, & abilities*

Gratitude Team Goals for 2024

- Commitment totaling \$350,000
- 125 pledges
- Increase PAR givers
- Encourage and support volunteerism

The Spirit of Gratitude is...

- An expression of God's love
- A way of sharing God's gifts that we have received
- A sign of our faith

We show our gratitude because...

- We are called to share the abundance that God has provided.
- It's the way we express our faith because we have been inspired.
- It's a sign of our commitment
- It's a spiritual discipline/practice that shows what we have received and we see how it makes a difference in the world.
- It's a leap of faith that helps to pay it forward.
- Our generosity leave a legacy for the future.

Here are the ways that your gratitude and generosity help to answer God's call and share the abundance that God has given:

Robertson-Wesley is committed to embracing diversity and inclusion in a way that honours and values all the financial gifts, and the gift of time through volunteerism. As we come to God's table we recognize that we each express our faith differently at the theological banquet. The financial givings that each individual gives are the primary source of income for the church. These financial givings along with the bequests, the interest off our investments, and various grants and fundraising allow us to answer God's call in this way:

Evangelical: We share the gospel message of love and justice through the teachings of Jesus in one on one conversations, through the witness of how we live out our faith, in studying and reflecting on the teachings from scripture, through storytelling, prayer and presence to all people.

Ecclesial: We serve the community that we minister to through worship and music, pastoral care, programs, property management and providing common space for the wider community to meet in.

Missional: We love our neighbour by meeting the basic needs of individuals through community dinners, bag lunches, the food bank, the arts ministry, clothing sales and benevolent help.

Ecumenical: We work for social change in the world seeking justice, peace and reconciliation through our environmental stewardship, advocacy and support of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, refugee ministry, and the continued work of truth and reconciliation while seeking to work with agencies in the city and the world.

Spiritual: We seek wisdom and connection with all of creation through spiritual practices, wild church and caring for the gardens.

"After moving in 2022 from Ontario to Edmonton I checked out a couple of United Churches and the one I liked best was Robertson-Wesley. I now go regularly as it is such an interesting church that I don't want to miss anything. They follow the same procedures that I am use to but they also do a real variety of things such as music, hymns, soloists, groups of singers (both adults and students), and choirs as well as speakers, etc. They also make the effort to get their people involved in different things during the service such as scripture reading and prayers, etc. You don't go to sleep here during the service as new things are always happening."

Helen

R-W Church Expenses

The community of faith provides all the financial support to ensure that staff and program expenses are covered, along with the operation of the facility.

We pray that people will consider R-W's financial needs when prayerfully making their 2024 financial commitment.

M & S

The Robertson-Wesley community of faith also make donations to a national fund of The United Church of Canada called M&S. By contributing to M&S the church's call and commitment is carried out at the local, national and international levels.

Anniversary Legacy Fund

The Anniversary Legacy Fund was created for the 100th Anniversary of the church and is used for income and capital expenditures to support R-W programs.

