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Our Giving Together 2023/24 – An open video letter to our local church boards.

Hi. My name is Sandy Crozier and I am the Director of Generosity and Stewardship for the FMCIC.

I'd like to start this open letter to all our local church boards by bringing greetings, from all the Ministry Centre staff that work on your behalf to support our local churches.

We are so thankful that your church is part of our FMC family and for your individual work as board members in serving your church. We know that churches cannot run well without people like you sacrificing your time in serving.

As part of our FM Covenant together – **CORE** and **Giving Streams** - we really want to see your church thrive and make a difference in your community. We want to see your church overflow with generosity because generous churches are healthy churches. Generous churches plant churches. Generous churches disciple generous leaders. And generous churches change the world for Jesus.

This is the season where most churches are about to prepare next year's ministry budgets.

We ask that as a church board, you prayerfully consider how you can generously support CORE and Giving Streams in your next budget.

- CORE GIVING** because this is how we support one another and do ministry together
- Leadership Development Giving Stream** because this is how we raise up healthy mature pastors and leaders in our local churches
- Church Planting Giving Stream** because we want to see healthy churches plant churches that introduce people to Jesus and make disciples
- Intercultural Engagement Missions** because we are called to go into the world – even if the world has come to our own backyards.

When we give together, I believe that God adds Himself to our gifts and we do so much more than we could ever do apart. We are so encouraged that - despite recovering from COVID and increased inflation costs – we are giving more than we gave last year! **We are praising God for your generosity. God's plan has always been to see the Generosity of God displayed through the generosity of His people.**

If your church is contributing your full Core and Giving Stream support, on behalf of all the churches you have helped by your generosity, **Thank You. We could not have done this without you.**

If your church is giving partial support, **thank you** – but we would like to encourage you to take a **step of faith** and make your core giving a priority as you model giving yourselves first to God and then to each other in overflowing joyous generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2-4).

As part of our church family, we really want to see your church thrive and be healthy and fruitful – to be rich in good deeds and in generosity. We pray that you continue to grow and excel as a church and in this grace of giving - so that together, Free Methodists introduce people to Jesus, change the world one person at a time and alleviate suffering.

Thank you for being family together.

Be Free. Be Generous. Be **The Free Methodist Church in Canada.**

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