

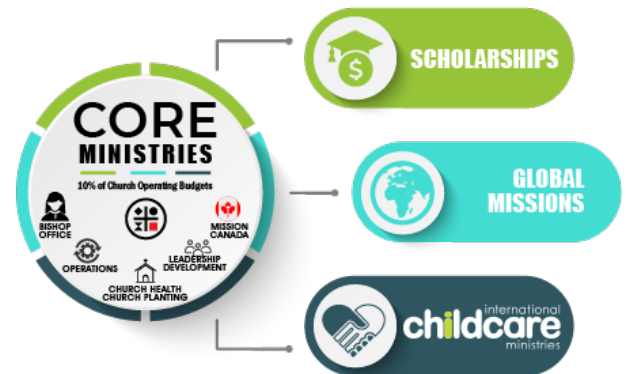
Merging Giving Streams into Unified CORE Ministry Fund

January 1, 2025

Starting in 2025, the separate Canadian Giving Streams Ministry Funds will be merged into a unified **CORE Ministry Fund**. As of January 1, 2025, our Giving Together will encompass all the FMCIC Ministries of:

- Bishop's office
- Operations (formerly Finance and Administration)
- Church Health and Church Planting
- Leadership Development
- Mission Canada (formerly known as Intercultural Engagement but will expand to include all Free Methodist Missions in Canada)

OUR GIVING TOGETHER FOUR MINISTRY FUNDS 2025



The other 3 ministry funds need to remain separate for compliance issues. A new REMITTANCE FORM will be issued for January 1, 2025. For church budget planning purposes, please use the following directions:

1. **CORE Ministry Fund** - Our Ministry Together is funded through Our Giving Together. In a 1996 General Conference, it was a unanimous decision by all Free Methodist churches, to move to a giving model based on the Biblical Tithe – 10% of Church Operating Budget less any designated (missions) funds. This is covenant we have made with each other, and it is how we look after each other and how we minister together.

If your church is giving 10% or more to our CORE Ministry Fund, thank you for honouring our covenant together.

If your church is giving less than 10%, can we ask you to consider increasing your gift by 1% each year until you reach the 10% covenant in Giving Together?

If your church is struggling to give, we would love to help you cultivate generosity in your own community – to help overcome fear and scarcity and to help you share the story of budget so that your people are inspired to give generously.

2. **Church Planting Giving Stream** – This Giving Stream will be merged into the CORE Ministry Fund as part of CORE's Church Revitalization Ministry.

If your church currently gives a separate gift to the Church Planting Giving Stream, please consider adding this amount on top of your CORE Ministry Remittance starting January 1, 2025 on the new Remittance Form (available January 1st)

3. **Leadership Development Giving Stream** – this designated fund has always been used as our ‘Scholarship Fund.’ It is funded by our FM Foundation, Lorne Park Foundation and churches and individuals wanting to give to help pastors be well educated and trained for church ministry.

If your church previously gave a separate gift to the Leadership Development Giving Stream because of scholarships, please direct these funds to the “SCHOLARSHIP FUND” starting January 1, 2025 on the new Remittance Form (available January 1st)

4. **Intercultural Engagement Missions Giving Stream** – Because all donations that leave the country must be carefully tracked and handled under CRA regulations, this fund is being divided into two:
1. **MISSIONS CANADA** which will encompass Intercultural Engagement Ministries as part of CORE Ministry Fund
 2. **GLOBAL MISSIONS** which must remain as a separate designated ministry fund for international Missions.

If your church currently gives to the Intercultural Engagement Giving Stream for missions in Canada, please consider adding this amount to your CORE Ministry Gift. If your church currently gives to the Intercultural Missions Giving Stream for Global Missions, please direct those donations to the ‘Global Missions Fund’ starting January 1, 2025 on the new Remittance Form (available January 1st)

5. **International Child Care Ministries (ICCM)** – We want to highlight that ICCM is part of us (with the same Charitable Number/Status). like Global Missions, this designated fund supports child sponsorship and projects overseas and similarly needs to meet all foreign activity regulations imposed by the CRA.

We know from our research and giving data – that healthy churches are generous churches. I believe, that if we lean into trusting God and living generously, people will give generously to our churches and the overflow will impact our local communities, CORE Ministry and beyond.

If you have any questions or would like help working with our generosity material, Please contact me. I would love to visit your church and help grow a generous movement in our churches.



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