

Expanding Our Borders: The Road to Debt Freedom

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** Is it okay to give a portion of my tithe toward the \$2,500 goal?
A: No, the tithe belongs to the Lord and is separate from your offering and Debt Elimination goal. Our tithes support ongoing ministry operations.
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- Q:** Is it okay to choose between giving my \$2,500 contribution as part of a household or part of a ministry?
A: The \$2,500 household gift is separate from your contributions to a ministry gift of \$2,500. If you are a part of a ministry, it's both, not either or.
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- Q:** As a single member, can I combine with another single member/household to give my \$2,500.
A: No. As a single adult member, we encourage you to share the vision with family and friends **who are not Cathedral members** and ask that they help you to reach the \$2,500 goal. The exceptions, of course, are college students and senior citizens (65+) on a fixed income. They course can come together with their families who are members of the church.
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- Q:** If I have been giving consistently to the Expanding Our Borders campaign (\$100 month) is the \$2,500 in addition to the \$100 that I've already been giving?
A: The \$2,500 is not in addition to the \$100. Expanding Our Border gifts contributed in 2009 count toward the \$2,500 total. For instance, if prior to the launch of the Debt Elimination opportunity (on Resurrection Sunday), you gave \$300 from January - March toward Expanding our Borders, that \$300 counts toward the \$2,500 goal. Therefore, you would have \$2,200 remaining on the Debt Elimination goal.
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- Q:** If I have not given anything toward the \$1,000 Resurrection Sunday goal, should I just forget about trying to give the \$2,500?
A: Absolutely not! As God makes provision for you, sow what is placed in your hands toward Debt Elimination at anytime. Ask God to provide you with creative ideas.
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- Q:** What if I belong to multiple ministries? Am I required to give toward my household gift, as well as all of the ministries?
A: Please know that the goal is not to cause undue stress, but to "stretch your faith!" Do the best that you can in supporting your ministries. It may be that you have to "split" what is available from you personally, but remember that ministries are encouraged to explore fundraising opportunities so that the funds are not actually coming from individuals, but from the fundraising efforts.
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- Q:** Is it okay to do a fundraiser offsite?
A: Yes! We encourage you to spread the word, reach out to those beyond the walls of the church?
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- Q:** If a ministry or individual wants to do a fundraiser at the church, what is the process?
A: The first step is to contact the Events Manager at laurenh@thecathedral.org or 732-826-5293 x1152. You may also submit a request form on the Cathedral website @ www.cathedralinternational.org/eventform. Because of the multitude of activities, **three weeks advance notice is required**. Last minute requests are difficult to accommodate, so we thank you for your cooperation.
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- Q:** Is it okay to charge the \$2,500 on a credit card and pay it off over time?
A: No. We would strongly discourage you from accumulating debt to help dissolve the church's debt. Please do not use this as a plan for your gift. Actually, everyone should be refraining from using credit cards all together.