

Giving Ministries



Welcome to ACAC Financial Giving

Ministry is made possible by the faithfulness of God and the weekly offerings of His people

Following Jesus in Diverse Community



**Director of
Advancement/
Operations**
Pastor Ken Turnbull

Dear Ministry Partners,

The Lord has graciously given resources to every person and asks us to steward them with wisdom and discernment. This brochure highlights some of the Kingdom investment opportunities available to you through ACAC. Please pray, seek the Lord's heart, and then respond. The ACAC financial team stands ready to assist you as you worship God with your giving. In this special area of worship, you offer back a portion to assist in expressing His love to a needy world.

Blessings and Prayers,

Pastor Ken Turnbull



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Who we are & What we stand for:

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

- The Christian & Missionary Alliance (our parent organization) is a member of the *Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability*. Its financial records are reviewed monthly & quarterly by elected officers & boards, and annually by delegates to its General Council.
- The treasurer & financial secretary of ACAC are elected annually by the congregation and are not on staff. They are responsible for accurate accounting of income & expenditures, and report regularly to the Finance Committee & the Governing Board for review.
- Members of ACAC receive a year-end Treasurer's Report prior to the September annual meeting and are free to ask questions at the meeting. Members may also inquire about financial matters, or ask to see a monthly report.
- All checks require two authorized signatures. The only pastor authorized to sign checks is the pastor of advancement/operations, who must have approval of at least one financial officer prior to signing.

THE ACAC PHILOSOPHY OF GIVING:

- We believe mature commitment to Christ results in planned, cheerful, and sacrificial giving towards God's mission for the local congregation.
- We believe giving is an act of worship and a biblical imperative. It is not optional, nor should giving ever be thought of as a fee-for-services payment!
- We believe giving should be initiated and directed by the Holy Spirit, not through emotional or manipulative appeals.
- We believe God provides His church the resources it needs to do His work.

Giving is an important part of worship and the responsibility of anyone who participates in the life of the local church. What's more, healthy giving is biblical. (2 Corinthians 8:1-9, Deuteronomy 6:16, Leviticus 27:30, Malachi 3:6-15, Matthew 23:23, and Luke 21:1-4.

HOW DO I DIRECT MY GIFT?

(Understanding the ACAC Offering Envelope)

GOD'S MINISTRIES AT ACAC (GENERAL FUND):

This fund supports the vast majority of local ministries at ACAC:

- Adult Life Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Children's Ministries
- Community Ministries
- Worship Ministries
- Counseling/Community Resource Ministries
- Staff Salaries & Benefits
- Operational Expenses (security, maintenance, utilities, insurance, supplies)
- Communication Expenses (phone & computer systems, bulletins)
- Equipment Purchases & Maintenance
- Alliance District Responsibilities

FACILITY ENHANCEMENT (Existing facilities): This fund supports the cost of major construction and renovation projects to existing facilities.

FUTURE BUILDING (New facilities): This fund supports future building construction, additions, and major investments in our facilities.

GREAT COMMISSION FUND (GCF) (Alliance Missions): This fund supports the global evangelistic efforts of our parent organization - the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA). All gifts designated for the GCF are sent directly to the National Office of the C&MA and are never used by ACAC for its operations.

GOSPEL MESSENGERS (Our Members in Non-Alliance Missions): Gifts to the Great Commission Fund only support C&MA personnel. ACAC members, serving with other mission agencies, are given financial support & encouragement through this fund. The Missions Committee determines allocations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: Gifts designated for this fund are used to underwrite our efforts in community development. These include initiatives such as bringing a Pregnancy Care Center to the North Side and stem the tide of violence in our community.

BENEVOLENT INTERVENTION (DEACONS): Our deacon board manages this fund, used to provide financial assistance to church members, attendees, & people connected to ACAC ministries. An offering for this fund is received the first Sunday of each month at the close of the communion service. Gifts can also be designated by means of the offering envelope.

HOW DO I DIRECT MY GIFT?, CONTINUED...

SCHOLARSHIPS (ACAC Higher Education Students): This fund supports the higher education of church members & attendees. Grants are determined by the Scholarship Committee, using criteria that include need, vocational ministry calling, & church involvement.

OTHER / SPECIAL OFFERINGS: In addition to the above, the governing board may establish other specific funds or authorize other special offerings. These are announced & explained to the congregation, and gifts can be designated by use of the line that reads "OTHER/SPECIAL OFFERINGS"

UNITED WAY GIVING TO MINISTRIES WITH WHOM WE COLLABORATE

URBAN IMPACT FOUNDATION (UIF): UIF provides holistic ministry to at-risk children, youth, and families on Pittsburgh's North Side. www.urbanimpactpittsburgh.org United Way # 9532

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER (NSCHC):

NSCHC provides whole-person healthcare to underserved persons on the North Side and surrounding neighborhoods. United Way # 9106

WOMEN'S CHOICE NETWORK (WCN): WCN provides professional medical services, Christ-centered counseling, and practical support to those vulnerable to choosing abortion.

www.mypregnancycenter.org United Way # 1519

TREE OF HOPE (TOH): TOH provides advocacy, counsel, support & encouragement to people who have lost family members to violence. www.treeofhope.com United Way # 1381425

LIGHT OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION (LOL): LOL provides shelter, food, counseling, and recovery programs for the homeless, poor, addicted & abused of Pittsburgh. www.lightoflife.org United Way # 223

CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID (CLA): CLA assists those in our community who would otherwise be unable to afford legal services. www.clsnet.org United Way # 1455117

PINE VALLEY BIBLE CAMP (PVBC): PVBC reaches out to underprivileged inner city children and youth through a Christian summer camp program. www.pinevalleybiblecamp.org United Way # 931352

COMPASSION AND MERCY ASSOCIATES (CAMA): As the relief arm of the C&MA, CAMA provides services to those in desperate need. www.camaservices.org CAMA is # 11918 in the Combined Federal Campaign for Federal employees.

THE LIVING MINISTRY: An organization reaching out to the homeless community in Pittsburgh. <http://livingministry.org/blog/> United Way # 10256782

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The ACAC Personal Finance Ministry Team stands ready to assist you. Our goal is to help you manage your finances in a way that will free you to live the way that Jesus wants you to live.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace! Each of the 13 Lessons deals with a different topic that will change the way you think about personal finances. Dave Ramsey teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.



For costs and class schedules, visit www.acac.net/financialpeace

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

During the holiday season, many families struggle to be able to celebrate Christmas. In order to help alleviate some of the financial burden, ACAC takes a special offering for these struggling families. Staff and Growth Group leaders recommend families in need; the offering is then divided among those families. Look for Christmas Blessing giving opportunities in July and again later in the year as the holidays approach.

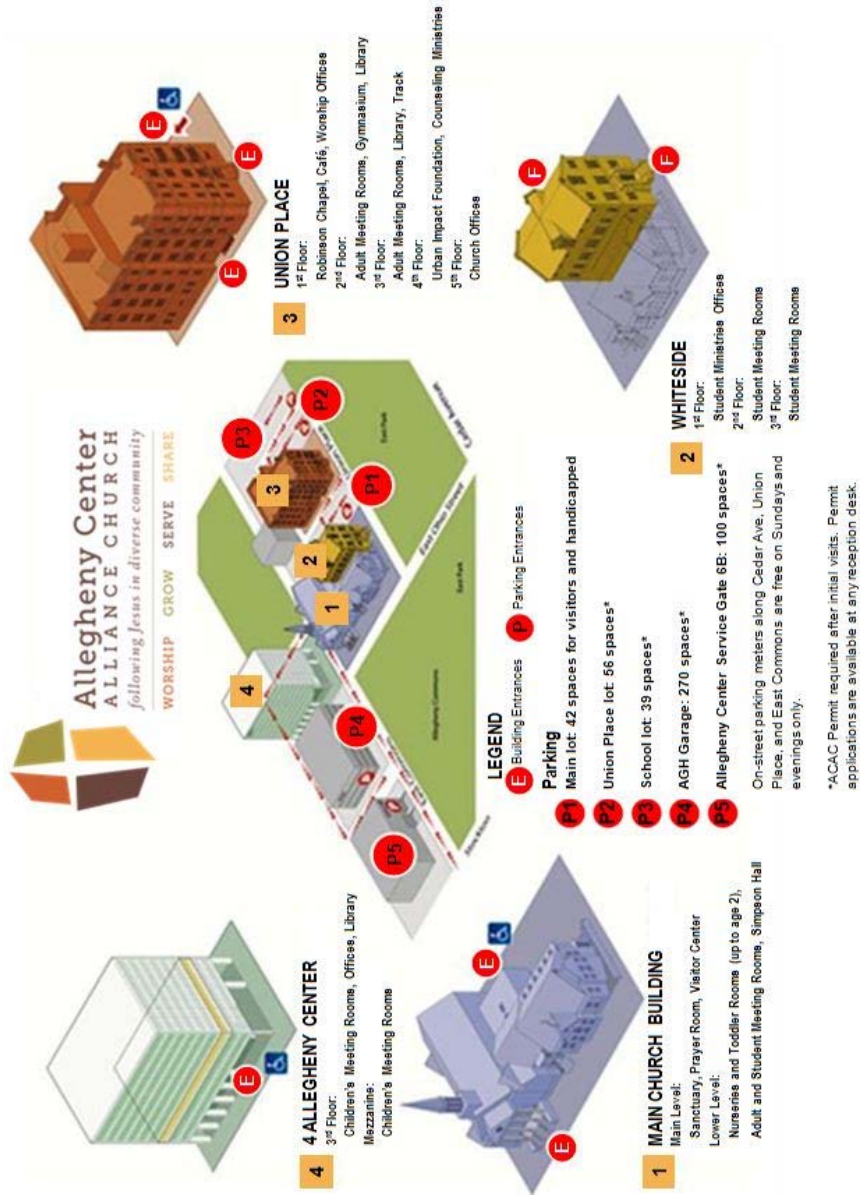


ACAC CAR MINISTRY



Do you have a used car which could bless another family? The ACAC Car Ministry assists the deacons by accepting good car donations, doing minor repairs and then placing them with families in need of inexpensive reliable transportation. Mechanics and helpers volunteer their time to make the repairs at very low cost. Please contact Pastor Ken Turnbull if you would like to make a donation.

Campus Map



Come as you are as together we
follow Jesus in diverse community!



Allegheny Center
ALLIANCE CHURCH
following Jesus in diverse community
WORSHIP GROW SERVE SHARE

HELPFUL GIVING RESOURCES

- **AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS** from your checking or savings account (one-time or recurring) visit www.acac.net/giving
- **PRE-NUMBERED ENVELOPES** can be obtained simply by speaking with a member of our financial staff.
- **SPECIAL GIFTS** including Stock & Mutual Fund donations, Other Non-Cash donations (i.e. equipment, etc...). Please contact the finance department.
- **TRUSTS, ESTATES & WILLS:** Please contact David Baynes.

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