# **ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Open your heart without opening your checkbook.

#### Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving:

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church
- Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend
- More secure than checks
- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement
- IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRONIC GIVING

- Q. What is electronic giving?
- Electronic giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking or savings account.
- Q. What are the advantages of electronic giving?
- It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you can't attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and improve its budget!
- Q. How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?
- Once you complete and sign an authorization form and return it to us, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

- Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?
- Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the authorization form.
- Q. If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?
- A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register for the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statements
- Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?
- Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transactions. It is your proof of contributing.
- Q. What if I change bank accounts?A. Notify the church and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.

- Q. Is electronic giving risky?
- It's less risky than writing checks or bringing cash to church. Electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.
- Q. How much does electronic giving
- It costs you nothing!
- What if I try electronic giving and don't like it?
- You can cancel your authorization by notifying the church at any time.
- Q. How do I sign up for electronic giving?
- Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the church along with a voided check or savings account deposit slip.

## SIGN UP TODAY.

Authorization forms are available upon request.

Contributions made to our office via Electronic Giving are transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network by Vanco Services, LLC. The operating rules and guidelines governing the ACH Network are set by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA). Vanco is a member of the Upper Midwest Automated Cleaning House Association (UMACHA) and has over 15 years of experience processing ACH transactions.



### **AUTHORIZATION FORM**

### The **Simply Giving**' Program

endorsed by

Name of the organization: REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thrivent Federal Credit Union

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		ENVELOPE/DONOR #		DATE		
Effective date of authorization://  Type of authorization: □ New authorization □ Change donation amount □ Change donation □ Change banking information □ Discontinue electronic donation					onation date	
Last Name			First Name	First Name		
Address						
City				State	Zip	
Email Address						
DATE OF FIRST DONATION:			FUNDS:  General/Operating	AMOUNT:  \$  Total \$		
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one):  Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)  Checking Account (attach a voided check below)		Routing Number:  Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3  Account Number:  Check Number  Routing Number			
CHECKI	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.					
	Authorized Signature: Date:					

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

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