

The following page is a template for a bulletin insert about generosity and giving for use during the Season of Easter. You may use it one week, or the whole season. Please personalise it for your context. Replace things in bold within square brackets.

The second side of the insert has information on it that may or may not apply to your situation.

Please delete the methods of giving that you do NOT use.

Please add opportunities for service in your community.

Your Easter Invitation to Gratitude and Generosity!

In this Eastertide, signs of new life are more and more apparent. The snow recedes, new growth appears. And in our life together as a church, Easter arrives again. We are an Easter people, and even in a time of crisis and uncertainty, we dare to proclaim our faith and our hope in Christ.

Your church continues to follow Jesus together with generosity and gratitude. These days, when we aren't able to meet physically, are challenging. Yet we can find hope in the ways our church has come together to offer new ways of worshiping and supporting those in need. Our ministry continues and your gifts are making a difference today, serving the vulnerable and reaching out to the lonely.

We take this new reality seriously. Many face new financial hardships due to work disruptions, illness, and caring for family members. Others find new joy in offering support to neighbours. Within the community of Jesus, all gifts are a sign of faith and an act of generosity to be celebrated.

And this is why we invite you to prayerfully consider the gifts you may offer this Eastertide. What are you grateful for, and what can you share? How can you use those gifts to love God and your neighbour today?

A discipleship of generosity is our Christian antidote to fear and anxiety. Generosity is how the community of Jesus cares for each other and those around us. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure allows God's love to grow in the world and in our local community. By offering your gifts through your congregation, you are responding to Christ's new life by putting your faith into action.

Jesus continues to break into this world in new and surprising ways. May we be aware of the opportunities to live Christ's resurrection life today; to be grace, hope and love in the lives of those around us.

Thank you for your generosity. And thank you for your hope in life renewed.

*In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

-Natalie Sleeth, 1986 (Voices United 703)

Generosity in our Congregation Looks Like:

Gifts of Money:

Offering Envelopes

- Place post-dated cheques in your envelope
- Mail to: **[name & address]**

PAR (Pre-Authorised Remittance)

- Consistent monthly support for your congregation and those who are helped through Mission & Service.
- To sign up contact our PAR coordinator: **[name & address]**
- To update your gift amount contact our PAR coordinator or par@united-church.ca

CanadaHelps

- On-line gifts using credit card or PayPal.
- Use the donate button on our web-site.
- or www.canadhelps.org and search for your congregation.

E-Transfer

- **[include instructions for your congregation's e-transfer process]**

Gifts of Time & Service:

[List any opportunities that people can be a part of, how to do so, and who to contact.]