

**Direct Answers To Questions About Electronic Payment**

**Q. What is electronic giving?**

A. Electronic giving is a direct debit program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

**Q. What are the advantages of electronic giving?**

A. It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even you can't attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. You can also help the church save money and improve its budget!

**Q. How is my contribution automatically deducted from my account?**

A. Once you complete and sign the authorization form below and return it to the church, 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?**

A. Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the authorization form below.

**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 on the appropriate date.

**Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?**

A. 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?**

A. 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 cost?**

A. It costs you nothing, but if you would like to help the church cover administrative costs for electronic giving, keep in mind it costs us \$0.25 per transaction.

**Q. What if I try electronic giving and don't like it?**

A. You can cancel your authorization by notifying the church at any time.

**Q. How do I sign up for electronic giving?**

A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and return it to the church along with a voided check or savings deposit slip.

Please Attach a Voided Check or Savings Deposit Slip Over the Section Above

**Authorization Agreement for Automatic Withdrawal of Funds**

Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
(for office use only)

Name on Bank Account (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please debit my ongoing contribution from my (check one):

- Checking Account (attach voided check)
- Savings Account (attach savings deposit slip)

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing # is located at bottom of check between the symbols |: |:

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution Information – Operating Budget** (Please indicate your contribution amount and frequency):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  Semimonthly - Debited on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Monthly - Debited on the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> (please circle one)

Please make my ongoing contribution effective \_\_\_\_\_ (date of first contribution).

I authorize **First Congregational Church** and **Vanco Services, LLC** to process debit entries from my account. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip at the top of this page.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_