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NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION LESSON 3

WHY WE GIVE

Why are Full Counsel members so excited about giving? Because we see giving not as an obligation but as an opportunity. Galatians 6:10 says, "Therefore as we have opportunity, let us give."

MOTIVATING FACTORS: II Corinthians 9 tells us God loves a "cheerful giver", who gives from the heart. Let's look at five motivating factors for giving to the House and Work of God:

1. **Response to His Prevailing Love- John 3:16** says, "For God so loved the world that He gave…" The first motive for giving should be our LOVE for God.

2. **Reverence for His Position- Psalm 24:1** says, "…the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." **Proverbs 3:9** says, "Honor the Lord with our substance and with the first fruits of all of our increase." We give out of Honor for God.

3. **Revelation of His Plan- Malachi 3:7** refers to God's instructions for giving as ordinances, or as something ordained by God. We give because we believe that God's ordinances are His principles and His plan for prospering His people.

4. **Resources for His Program- Deuteronomy 8:18** says that God empowers us to prosper in order to fulfill His Covenant. Resources for God's program are provided through the prosperity of His people.

5. **Rewards of His Promises- Luke 6:38** says "Give and it shall be given unto you**…"** We have a justifiable expectation and a right to receive the rewards of God's promises and should release our faith for a harvest.

Let's describe some of the giving opportunities you will encounter at Full Counsel.

- **THE TITHE: Malachi 3:7-10 and Leviticus 27:30** teach us that the first 10% of our income belongs to God. It represents the works of our hands. God promises that as we honor Him with the tithe, the windows of Heaven will be opened unto us, and He will pour out a blessing we have not room enough to receive. He will also rebuke the devourer and cause others to know that it is He is blessing us.

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- **FREE WILL OFFERINGS:** In addition to the tithe, we can also bring God various offerings of our own free will. **II Corinthians 9** tells us we can purpose in your heart what we desire to give. **Galatians 6:9** says whatsoever a man soweth "that shall he also reap".

- **PASTOR'S FUND:** This is a convenient avenue to sow directly into the life of the Man and/or Woman of God who watch over us spiritually and feed us the Word of God on a weekly basis. God is pleased when we are a special extra blessing to our Pastors, and He promises in Philippians 4:19 to "supply all our needs according to his riches in glory."

- **KFC (KINGDOM FACILITIES CAMPAIGN): 2025 VISION** This is our plan for working together as one to pay off in full the church mortgage and capital debt by the year 2025. It is glorious to imagine how many more lives we as a church family will be empowered to touch once we have achieved our goal of becoming a debt-free church.

  The **KINGDOM FACILITIES CAMPAIGN** plan allows each household in our church to designate a set amount that they will give on a weekly or monthly basis towards our overall debt-free goal. Suggested commitment levels are provided on your **KFC Pledge Card**. Each family can choose one of the suggested levels, or you can designate a different amount that works better for your family. Any amount is a blessing and will help move us that much faster toward the finishing goal. You can also make a KFC pledge by visiting fullcounsel.org.

  Here's how it works: When a member completes a **pledge card**, our Finance office will log a record of that pledge and include it in our overall statistics and planning. From that point, the member can simply continue to give the pledged amount in the weekly offering or on a monthly basis. Working together, we know that we will reach our goal, and God is faithful to extend favor to those who make the extra sacrifice for his house.

- **LADY J FOUNDATION (FORMERLY ACTE / A CALL TO EXCELLENCE MINISTRIES)** The ongoing ministry and legacy of Dr. Jennifer Johnson continues to touch countless lives through the **LADY J FOUNDATION**, with special emphasis on outreach and generosity to youth and children. Supporting the **LADY J FOUNDATION** is easy to do whether using your regular offering envelope, your Shelby mobile app, or by visiting fullcounsel.org. Also, you will typically notice an acrylic receptacle brought to the center of the floor near the altar during Sunday services. Offerings placed in this receptacle are strictly designated for the **LADY J FOUNDATION**. Any amount helps, and every amount is appreciated.

Please take a moment now to review the various offering materials and see if you have any questions at this time.

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Let's explain some of the giving methods you will encounter at Full Counsel.

SHELBY NEXT MEMBERSHIP MOBILE APP OR WEBSITE *(Recommended)*

Any Full Counsel member can give electronically anytime, anywhere using the Shelby Next Membership mobile app or full website. The Process is simple.

1. Visit fullcounsel.shelbynextchms.com or download the ShelbyNext Membership mobile app.
2. Log in to your personal Membership Account using your unique login info.
3. Add a Payment Method of Your choice.
4. Select the specific fund to which you are giving at the time
5. Input your desired amount. Setup automatically recurring payments if you prefer.

When giving through your Membership App, your electronic giving will post directly to your giving record, which can be accessed or downloaded by you at any time.

SHELBY NEXT GIVING -STANDALONE GIVING PLATFORM (MOBILE APP OR WEBSITE)

The **Shelby Next GIVING** app is separate from the MEMBERSHIP app. We want to emphasize that this app is being explained for information purposes only, and **Members who use the Membership App do NOT need to also use this standalone app** because the Membership app is designed to accommodate and connect member files and giving methods. But if a Full Counsel Member chooses to use the Standalone platform, they can still successfully give through it. It simply requires an additional setup step.

1. Visit shelbygiving.com/app/giving/fullcounsel or download the ShelbyNext GIVING app.
2. Create an account within the app.
3. Locate and designate Full Counsel Metro Church as your non-profit organization.
4. Add a payment method of your choice.
5. Select the specific fund to which you are giving at the time.
6. Input your desired amount. Setup automatically recurring payments if you prefer.
7. Once you have successfully given through the GIVING app, your giving will be connected to your MEMBERSHIP account.

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Anyone can visit the Full Counsel Main website and give anytime through the online donate page. This can be accomplished using a PayPal Account, A Debit or Credit Card, or a checking account.

GIVELIFY (MOBILE APP ONLY)

The GIVELIFY app is another user-friendly mobile app that is safe and reliable for electronic giving. Only the Givelify mobile app (not website) is setup for this type of giving.

1. Download the GIVELIFY mobile app.
2. Create an account within the app.
3. Locate and designate Full Counsel Christian Fellowship as your non-profit organization.
4. Select the desired amount and the specific fund to which you are giving at the time.
5. Add a payment method of your choice.
6. Setup automatically recurring payments if you prefer.

PLEASE NOTE: The GIVELIFY app is a third-party app and is not automatically connected to your Full Counsel Membership.

VARIOUS OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON GIVING

- Metro or Corporate General Envelopes
- COD Envelopes
- ACTE Envelopes

VARIOUS GIVING OPTIONS YOU WILL FIND WHEN GIVING THROUGH SHELBY

- Tithe
- General Offering
- KFC
- Missions
- Benevolence
- Lady J Foundation
- Pastor's Fund
- Firstfruit
- Other