

2. Financing Our Capital Project

We believe God is asking us to make his mission in Brampton our mission. When NBUC started, we were close to the edge of Brampton, with no prospects of the city growing. Today our city is about to become home to 600,000 people. That's why NBUC is growing its capacity for ministry. We're doing that in 4 ways: expanding our staff, our ministries, our ministry leaders and our space.

In fall 2006, we launched a capital campaign to finance the new building and two years of salary for a third minister. The people of the church pledged nearly \$1 million by the end of the campaign over and above their regular givings.

MAKE A PLEDGE

People who didn't get to participate in the 2006 campaign, can still contribute. Here's how.

There are 3 different ways to make a pledge to the cash campaign:

- (i) a one-time financial contribution
- (ii) an annual special contribution
- (iii) a weekly contribution, over 3 years.

It's also possible to contribute something of value to the church, such as an insurance policy, stocks, property, etc.

For more information about the financing of the project, contact Doug Smith at 905 458 1108.

INVEST IN FAITH BONDS

NBUC sells faith bonds to its friends and members at an attractive rate. The bonds allow the church's members to invest their resources in the mission of their church. That is, we become the lenders to our church and therefore to reduce the borrowing from commercial financial institutions. For more information, contact George Watson at 905 791 6166.

MAKE AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES

The church is blessed with many members whose skills and passions contribute to the church's mission. People in the construction trades and related areas can bring their skills to the church's building project. Contact Peter Waisanen, the chair of the Design-Build Team, at 905 451 4859.

3. Invest in NBUC's Long-Term Sustainability

Another way to support the church's ministry is through planned giving for the long-term. Our "Special Gifts" program includes making a bequest to the church in our wills, giving an annuity, life insurance, securities, property, a charitable remainder trust, etc. The tax benefits of these kinds of gifts are excellent. For more information and a background on NBUC's "Special Gifts" program, contact Bryan Linnard at 905 846 5353.

How We Finance Ministry



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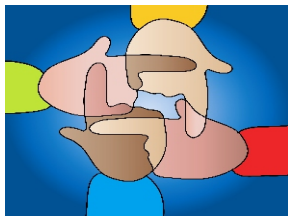
At North Bramalea, it's all about God's mission and it's all about ministry.

Ask someone who's new to North Bramalea how the church finances all the things it does and most people say, "The government. it's right in the name--The United Church of Canada, right?"

Not really. The truth is that the people who come here finance the mission. No subsidies, no endowments, no government grants. Just us--the people who believe in what God is doing in this place.

North Bramalea's Mission

NBUC isn't just a church. It's a community of people dedicated to growing as followers of Jesus in every part of our lives. We use our gifts and passions, our time and skills, and our financial resources to make NBUC a church where God can build better lives, better families, and a better Brampton.



North Bramalea a ministry-centred church with 100 ministries & 71 ministry teams

1. Financing Current Operations

Our weekly offerings are the meat and potatoes of our annual operating budget.

Why give?

We give because God has given generously to us. We give because God shows up regularly in this place and gives significance to our lives. We give because we believe our neighbours also need places to meet God in a life-transforming way.

How much should I give?

There are no membership fees or charges in the church. Instead the church encourages us in the "discipleship of giving" as followers of Jesus. The important thing is to build into our regular budgets, along with paying our debts, saving, and spending on current needs. The amount we give is a personal decision between us and God.

A good rule of thumb is to give something, no matter how tight our circumstances at the moment. We start where we can and aim to increase our giving by 1% each year.

How do I give?

► The Weekly Offering

Most people give during the weekly offering, using their numbered envelopes. The offering is a way of renewing our commitment to following Jesus week after week.

The church office can supply offering envelopes. They are very important because they allow the church to give a charitable receipt which we can use to reduce our personal income taxes.

► PAR

We can also give through PAR--pre-authorized remittances--in much the same way we pay for many things in a digital world. PAR was developed to provide a convenient and private way for people to give. It evens out the church's income and our personal budget plans over the year..

► Fundraisers

The church has a small number of fundraising events for our own needs, particularly through our Catering Group and concerts. Other church fundraisers generate funds and in-kind contributions to help people in the community