San Marino
community church

Estimate of Giving FAQs

What is an Estimate of Giving?

An Estimate of Giving is the financial commitment members and friends of the church make each fall to support San Marino Community Church's ministries throughout the coming year.

Does making an Estimate of Giving matter?

Yes! Generous giving enables the ministries of the church to flourish. By making an Estimate of Giving in the fall, the Session can plan for the coming year and ensure that our church budget is fully funded.

How much should I give?

The church leadership requests that each member make a sacrificial gift to ensure San Marino Community Church's ministries can not only be sustained but grow and thrive in the years to come.

When can I give?

You may make your own schedule to suit the needs of your household. You can choose to make gifts weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, or any other frequency you prefer. Estimates of Giving are made for the calendar year, which begins January 1 and ends December 31. A quarterly statement will be sent to you to help you keep track of your gifts.

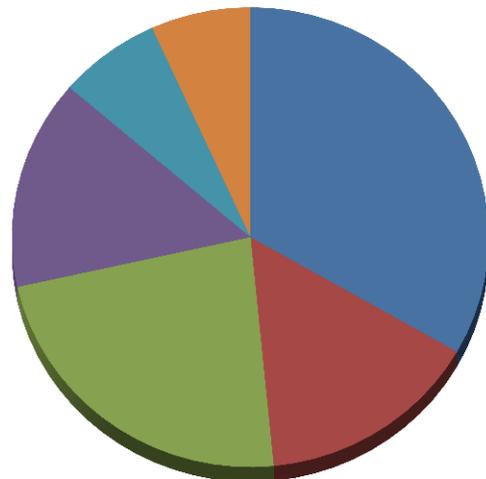### What if my income is uncertain or unpredictable?

Please do your best to estimate your income for the coming year. Your Estimate of Giving can be changed upon request at any time by contacting the church office at (626) 282-4181 x12 or Give@smccpby.com.

Does SMCC stay on budget?

Session approves a balanced budget each year. The Finance Committee and Session carefully monitor the church's finances each month. SMCC has historically lived within its means on an annual basis. When 2015 ended with an unexpected deficit of $100,000, the Session made cuts to the 2016 budget to begin repaying cash reserves over the next three years.

Where does the money go?

San Marino Community Church has diverse ministries of education, worship, mission/outreach, caregiving, and fellowship. The chart below shows the various expenses by percentage of the 2016 budget.

- Administration/ Building (33%)
- Education/Spiritual Development (15%)
- Worship (23%)
- Mission* (15%)
- Member Care (7%)
- Communication & Membership (7%)

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