

There are still a number of offering envelopes to be collected from the counter in the foyer. If there is anyone wishing to receive any envelopes, please take a request form from the pocket on the wall, fill it out as required, and leave in the church box for Philip Mayers.

Q1. Why do I need to use an envelope for my offering?

A1. *An assigned envelope allows the tellers to process the offerings received in a much more efficient fashion. The envelope is used as an accounting document against which all the donor's contact details are assigned. Otherwise, the tellers will always have to refer to a report list to assign a number to the donor. Where the donor is not previously known, these details are written on the tellers' sheets making the recording process much longer.*

Q2. I am on PAP (pre-approved payment) already. Why do I need to collect a box?

A2. *If you are on PAP, a box # has been assigned to you and you should collect it, since it cannot be assigned to anyone else. In addition, this allows you to contribute other infrequent amounts beyond what you are currently giving, if you feel a need to. e.g. to the Missions, Reserve or Benevolent funds.*

Q3. I already give via the online program. Why should I use an envelope box?

A3. *While online giving has been made available to anyone wishing to contribute to the church, it comes with a price. Your offering is reduced by 3% when it is handed over to the church by Canada Helps, who takes a commission for using this service. Would it not be better that your total offerings be put to work directly in the church.*

Q4. So if I get a box of envelopes, do I have to use it every week?

A4. *Giving is a personal matter between you and God. The frequency that you choose to give in most instances is dependent upon the receipt of your income and that can be weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or any other irregular period. Naturally, for the church to achieve its financial objectives properly, we would much prefer a regular receipt of this income to ensure that our ministries are not hindered by lack of funding.*