

ALLIANCE FUNDING CHANGES

Frequently Asked Questions

CHURCH PASTORS AND OFFICIAL WORKERS



Q Why is The Alliance making funding changes?

The vision of The Alliance—to see *All of Jesus for All the World*—is clear. The strategy of serving communities, multiplying church networks, and developing people is proven. But the funding can be confusing. We want to fix the confusion. The new funding changes will:

1. Be simpler to explain and understand.
2. Embrace all Alliance work advancing the whole gospel.
3. Make it easier for you to give to the worker or work you love.

Q How was this decision made?

Over the course of the last 3½ years, the Board of Directors, President's Cabinet, The District Superintendent leadership group, and Alliance Missions leadership wrestled with the current funding system and opportunities for growth. They brought initial findings to Council in 2019. After receiving feedback from Council committees and the Alliance constituency, the decisions were made to proceed and begin this new funding system in July 2021.

Q When do the new funding changes begin?

The new funding changes will begin on July 1, 2021. Updates to the online giving platform will be made on July 1, 2021 to align with the changes.

Q What is changing about the Great Commission Fund (GCF)?

The Great Commission Fund will now have greater impact across all expressions of Alliance Missions. This means that your general gift to the Great Commission Fund will have greater direct benefit for aXcess, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries workers and work.

Q What is not changing about the Great Commission Fund (GCF)?

What is not changing about the GCF is that it will continue to be the primary funding source for The Alliance to advance gospel access around the world. It will continue to provide support for international workers, with funds being put to immediate use where most needed.

Q Can we still give generally to the Great Commission Fund?

Yes! The GCF will continue to be the primary funding source for The Alliance to advance gospel access around the world. It will continue to provide support for international workers, with funds being put to immediate use where most needed.



Q What kind of giving should we do/promote? Is one more needed than another?

Both general gifts through the Great Commission Fund and specific gifts to a worker or work you love are equally needed! All worker financial needs are Alliance financial needs and are in the Alliance budget.

This means that you can and should promote giving to what your church congregation is most passionate about! Ultimately, greater partnership between your church and the ministry of The Alliance around the world is a high priority regardless of whether that is through general giving or specific giving to a worker or work. So promote what you feel led to promote! Every gift is celebrated!

Q How do we give to a worker?

You can continue to give in your preferred way: through a church check or through the online e-check system.

1. If you give through a physical check in the mail, all you need to do is add a worker's name and the amount you want to give to your reply device (the bottom portion of your receipt). Then send this reply device with your check to The Alliance. This gift will go to the worker's one account so they are able to use this gift for their most immediate ministry needs.
2. Starting July 1, 2021, if you give online you will be able to give to the worker's ministry by searching for their name under "a worker you love" on cmalliance.org/give. You will select the worker by clicking the check mark next to their name and then clicking the blue "select" button.
3. Starting on July 1, 2021, if you already make a recurring gift to a worker, changing your designation from a specific account—like support, work, vehicle, or outfit—to the worker's one ministry account will be of greater benefit to the worker. While you will not be required to make this change, the worker will have greater flexibility to use your donation as most needed according to their ministry needs, versus receiving gifts to the separate categories of support, work, vehicle, or outfit.

Q What should we tell our congregation about these changes? What do they need to know?

Your congregation needs to know two important things:

1. Tell them thank you for the way they have leaned in and given sacrificially to the work of The Alliance around the globe. They are greatly appreciated!
2. This is an opportunity for you to cast a renewed vision for why missions giving is essential in your church. And now you can partner with a worker specifically or work generally that your church is most connected with, passionate about, and engaged with. Every gift is celebrated equally and people are invited into greater partnerships with the work being done around the globe!

Q What does this change mean for IWs?

Every Alliance international worker—from aXcess, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries—will now ask you to partner with them and their ministry in two simple ways:

1. Give generally to The Alliance.
 - a. Every international worker will now benefit from this kind of gift.
 - i. For aXcess workers, CAMA workers, and Envision site leaders, general giving will cover a portion of a worker's compensation, language study, children's education, and ministry and operating budgets.
 - ii. For marketplace ministries workers, who are contract workers with The Alliance, general giving will help with health insurance, language grants, professional development, and member care.
2. Give specifically to the ministry they are involved in.
 - a. The worker will have the freedom to use these ministry funds based upon an approved budget. With your gifts, the worker can stay on the field and meet vital ministry needs in the communities they serve.

Each type of gift is vital for our workers. Each type of gift matters. Each type of gift is counted as part of the new Great Commission Fund.

