

# Direct Answers to Questions About Electronic Contribution

**Q. What is an electronic contribution?**

A. Electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program that allows you to contribute to the church without writing checks.

**Q. What are the advantages of electronic contribution?**

A. It saves you time, simplifies your life, and helps the church stabilize its budget.

**Q. How is my electronic contribution automatically deducted from my account?**

A. Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred from your checking or savings account to the church's account on the dates you specify.

**Q. If I don't write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?**

A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Your bank statement will provide an itemized list of electronic transfers as proof of your contribution

**Q. Are electronic contributions risky?**

A. No, electronic contributions are less risky than contributing by check. Your contribution can't be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail, and it has an extremely high accuracy rate. In addition, electronic funds transfers are regulated by the Federal Reserve.

**Q. What if I change bank accounts?**

A. The church office will provide you with a new authorization form to complete.

**Q. What if there are not sufficient funds in my account?**

A. The transaction is cancelled and no further transactions are made with FUMC until you contact the church office.

**Q. How much does electronic contribution cost?**

A. It costs you nothing and provides many benefits.

**Q. What if I try electronic contribution and don't like it?**

A. You can cancel your authorization at any time.

**Q. How do I change the amount or frequency of my contribution?**

A. Just complete a new authorization form.

**Q. Will I still receive offertory envelopes?**

A. If you wish to receive envelopes, you can. However, they are not necessary. If you would rather not receive them, just check the box on the authorization form indicating this.

**Q. How do I sign up for electronic contribution?**

A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and return it to the church office along with a voided check or savings deposit slip.

If you have additional questions about electronic contribution, please contact...

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**Please remember to:**

1. Complete a new form each year
2. Sign the form
3. Attach voided check or deposit slip (for first time use or when account number changes)
4. Return with your Estimate of Giving Card to FUMC

**First United Methodist Church of Midland — 2012 Annual Electronic Contribution Authorization Form**

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Annual Estimate of Giving:  \$ _____  Year: <b>2012</b>	<b>Envelope#</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes, send envelopes.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No, do not send envelopes.</b>	Date to begin contributions:
Contribution Amount Collected (check one):			
\$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly (Transferred on Mondays)	
\$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly (Transferred on the 1st and the 15th)	
\$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly (The 1st or 15th; <b>CIRCLE ONE</b> )	
\$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly (The 1st of the month beginning _____)	
Name on account (Please Print):			
Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP:
Please accept my ongoing contribution from my: _____ Checking Account (Attach a voided check if account has changed) _____ Savings Account (Attach a savings deposit slip)			
Routing # (between these two symbols  :  :) Example ( : 123456789  :)		Account #:	
I authorize First United Methodist Church to process debit entries from my account. This authority will remain in effect for the year of 2012 or until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.			
Authorized signature on account:			Date:
<i>Please attach a voided check or savings deposit slip to this form and return it with the <b>Estimate of Giving Card</b> to FUMC.</i>			