

We at the synod office would like to make you aware of an option for online giving, in case it is of use to you. In normal times we understand some may not want to use this sort of thing either because we are not comfortable with the technology or because there is a fee involved. In these days, however, when parishioners will not easily be able to bring their offering to church, it could be an option if you need it. Please reply by email (churched@edmonton.anglican.ca or treasurer@edmonton.anglican.ca) if you have any questions.

Tithe.ly is a secure, online giving provider that provides parishes with the option to sign up for a free online giving account. When people donate via the button on a parish website, Tithe.ly (like all other online giving providers) charges a fee. Parishes that sign up with the Diocese of Edmonton account using this link will receive a discounted group rate: <https://tithe.ly/rp/ADOE/register> (It's important to note that this registration link simply entitles you to a better transaction rate. The diocese has its own online giving account which is entirely separate from your church account.

Once this account has been activated (you will be prompted for your banking institution information) you will be able to add a "Give/Donate" button (located in the "Website Giving" section) to integrate Tithe.ly into your website. People will then be able to click on the button on your website home page to make a donation to your church. You can have all donations go into a General Fund, or you can set up options for funds to be deposited into designated funds for various ministries. (*This can be set up under Giving Types in your Organization Settings). Tithe.ly collects a fee of 2.75%+30 cents/transaction.

The Tithe.ly FAQ page has more details on the set-up process which should take about 20 minutes (have your parish banking info handy): <https://get.tithe.ly/faqs>

Benefits of Tithely Online Giving:

- It's free to sign up for Church Giving account and there are no minimum requirements for number of transactions processed or dollars processed
- Funds deposited directly into church bank account
- Easy, user-controlled Recurring Monthly Giving option
- Secure Giving and Records
- Ability to easily create multiple giving streams (general, ministries, etc.)
- Optional memo field for memorial gifts
- One database for online and mobile and admin giving is downloadable to integrate into your church accounting program
- Transaction costs are 'reasonably low': 2.75%+ .30 cents per transaction – use special dioedm registration link: <https://tithe.ly/rp/ADOE/register>
- Option for donors to 'Cover the cost of transaction'
- Captures Tax Receipt Information (full name, address, phone, email – note this must be activated)
- Creates Canadian Tax Receipts from online database which are then emailed to donors
- Enables online event registration (ie. similar to Eventbrite)
- An added benefit of setting up online giving with Tithe.ly is that parishes then have the option (for an additional fee) of developing a website through the Ascend/Tithely partnership.

Online Giving Provider Option #2 **Canadahelps.org** <https://www.canadahelps.org/>

- Enables custom pages and online event registration
- Transaction fees vary:
 - One-time donations - 4%
 - Monthly donations - 3.5%
 - Security donations - 2-3% depending on donation amount