

## **Colorado Family Church FAQ on Tithes and Tithing**

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### **1) What happens to our tithes?**

Tithes are used for a number of different purposes. Naturally, we have the typical overhead costs associated with running a church; things like salaries, utilities, maintenance of the building, etc.

Beyond that, every tithe and donation goes back into fulfilling our various ministries that are necessary for the growth and health of our community, as well as contributing to our broader community when the opportunity to do so arises.

Some examples of ways we use tithes and donations in the local community are:

Sponsoring local Divine Principle Workshops, evangelism expenses, and marriage and family enrichment

Funding the local food bank

Sponsoring local members to attend Divine Principle Workshops and other national events and opportunities

Some of the ways we use tithes and donations in our broader community are:

A. Sponsoring representatives to attend national and international events such as the Madison Square Garden rally

B. Receiving and hosting VIPs and national leaders

### **2) Does the church receive other income outside of the tithes and donations that are given to us by members and visitors?**

Yes. The Colorado Family Church owns some properties that produce rental income. At the end of each fiscal quarter, 10% of the net profit made from these properties is transferred to "Tithes and Donations" and is used for the church ministries and expenses.

### **3) Why Quarterly?**

Since expenses on rental properties can vary greatly from month to month, a quarterly tithe allows for greater accuracy and simplifies the bookkeeping involved.

### **4) What happens to the remaining monies that is generated from the properties?**

In order to use any of this investment money, for example to purchase a rental property, the finance ministry must review the financial feasibility of the investment and give their approval, seeking outside counsel when necessary, the council must approve the investment, and the pastors must give their approval. The pastors' approval is required to finalize any investment.

### **5) Would tithes and donations from members/visitors ever get used for business purposes?**

No. Money from tithes and donations is never used for business purposes. Outside of the expenses to operate the church, all monies are used to support and strengthen our ministries and grow our community.

### **6) Who does the Colorado Family Church tithe to?**

Since the Colorado Family Church is part of the Family Federation for World Peace, it tithes 10% of its Tithes and Donations to the subregion. The subregion then tithes 10% of its Tithes and Donations to our national Headquarters in New York. We are a part of Subregion 4, which also includes Texas, Utah, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, and Las Vegas. It is currently headed by Rev. John Jackson in Dallas, TX.

### **7) How does the tithe to the Subregion and HQ benefit our local community?**

We are able to enjoy certain benefits of being a part of the Subregion as well as the national

church. Our youth are able to participate in the regional workshop every summer. The subregional director also travels to various national and international events and is able to share those experiences with our community both in person and also with the pastors through conference calls and personal sharing. Our national church produces weekly videos and online resources that our community benefits from. For example, headquarters has hosted Pastors' training workshops, annual leadership conferences, monthly Divine Principle Workshops in Las Vegas, as well as the Energize! Marriage Retreat. On a more practical level, headquarters has a team of bookkeepers, HR department, lawyers, and accountants that are able to advise us and provide services such as annual audits that we don't have to do ourselves.

## 8) What are the expectations for tithes and donations?

The word "tithe" literally means "one tenth". We can also refer to these words from the holy scripture:

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

Here are some words from our founders, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, regarding tithes:

*By offering a tithe from your material possessions, you can make a condition that you offered all that you have. Although you do not offer the whole, offering a portion with all of your heart and mind is valuable in that sense... The person who tithes will never perish. As days go by, his storage room will be filled with more material possessions and blessings.*

*Tithing applies to all things. Even in a school, one out of every ten classrooms should be used as a free class for less fortunate children."*

*From now on, you need to tithe not only your material but also your time. It is no longer only the material, like in the past. If you have ten family members, one family member should be offered on behalf of your entire family. You should keep such a standard.*

With that in mind, we ask that our congregation give 10% of their income. For more detailed information and for specific topics such as taxes or tithing when self-employed, please see [Dr. Hentrich's booklet on tithing](#)

Although we believe and teach that tithing is an important spiritual practice, we understand that not everyone will take the immediate jump to doing that. We encourage everyone to give what they can and seek God's guidance in their lives to eventually be able to give a full tithe.