

# ALLIANCE FUNDING CHANGES

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

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#### **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 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](http://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 Can people in our congregation give directly to The Alliance National Office and our church get GCF credit?***

Yes! You can encourage people in your church who want to give to specific workers or work to give directly to The Alliance National Office. These donors can select your church to "soft credit." When they do this, their giving will be added to your church's total giving to The Alliance for internal reporting purposes regarding GCF goals. There are several ways to do this as a donor and it depends on how they choose to give. You can refer them to the soft credit frequently asked question in the Individuals FAQ.



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