

Maximize Your Gift to Faith

Some employers, such as Microsoft, provide a matching gifts program which will match employee donations of money or volunteer time made towards qualifying charitable programs. Participating in these programs is a great way to ensure that your donation provides the most benefit. A list of employers who may offer this benefit is on the attached sheet. **Ask your benefits coordinator or HR generalist if your employer provides a matching gifts program.**

For Microsoft Employees

Microsoft offers a \$12,000 annual charitable matching benefit for all US-based full and part time employees. This benefit can be used to match employee contributions of volunteer time, cash, stock, and/or product to eligible organizations.

Social service or community programs provided by religious or faith-based organizations are eligible when the following conditions are met:

- The group is a registered US-based 501c3 non-profit organization;
- Programs have a formal mission statement and separate program budget;
- The secular programs or services are offered to eligible participants without regard to their faith or willingness to participate in religious activities; and
- The group ensures that company contributions do not fund religious activities such as worship or proselytization.

Faith United Methodist offers the following programs which meet these conditions:

- UMCOR
- World Service and Conference Benevolences – Apportionments

Please make sure that your donation clearly indicates the program for which it is intended.

For more information on the Microsoft Matching Gifts program, visit
<http://lcaweb/give/resources/Pages/Guidelines.aspx>.

To submit your gift for Microsoft Matching:

1. Navigate your browser to <https://www.easymatch.com/microsoftGive/>
2. Enter Faith United Methodist for the organization name and click search.
3. Click the add to cart link that appears next to Faith United Methodist Church - Community Outreach Programs.
4. Click the continue button.
5. Click the calendar icon below “Date of Gift” to select the date on which you made your gift.
6. If you have already made your gift, choose the “Gift already made” option. If you would like to make your gift at the same time as submitting for a match, choose the “Make a new gift now” option (A 3.3% transaction fee for credit card donations will be charged for donations made through the matching gift site. This fee is not covered by Microsoft or the Employee Giving Programs, however Microsoft will match the full donation amount before the transaction fee is deducted.).
7. Select the type of gift made (Cash/Check, Stock, or Product) and the gift amount.
8. Next to “Match With” select the desired match type and amount.
9. Below “Purpose”, enter the Faith United Methodist program your gift was intended for.
10. Click the continue button at the bottom of the page.

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