



PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM

(For new PAR donors and to make changes to banking details)

Church Name: Grace United Caledonia

PAR Congregational Number: 6100760

I/We, _____ (envelope # _____), request and authorize The United Church of Canada to debit my/our account on the 20th of every month in the amount of \$ _____.00, starting on the 20th of _____ (enter month). This contribution is made on behalf of:

Name of Local Church: Grace United Caledonia

Address: 174 Caithness St E

City: Caledonia Province: ON Postal Code: N3W 1C2

This contribution by me/us to the above local church is to benefit:

Local Church \$ _____.00 Mission and Service Fund \$ _____.00 Other (Local Missions) \$ _____.00

This donation/payment is made by (check one): _____ Individual(s) _____ Business

Please attach a VOID cheque.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

- I may change the amount of my contribution at any time subject to providing notice of 15 days.
- I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing notice of 15 days at which time I will submit a cancellation form obtained from the Church PAR Contact or by contacting my financial institution or visiting www.cdnpay.ca.
- I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAR Agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.
- **I waive my right to receive pre-notification of the amount of the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the amount of PAR before the debit is processed.**

Name of Church PAR Contact: James McMillan Phone No.: 905-765-2686

Please attach void cheque here



What is PAR?

If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay for insurance, cable TV, fuel, or a mortgage, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year that make it easy to donate.

PAR, or **Pre-Authorized Remittance**, is a direct debit program that allows you to support our church through an automatic monthly withdrawal. The United Church administers the program following your wishes (e.g., \$X for local church expenses and \$X for the Mission & Service Fund). Once a month, (on the 20th) your PAR givings are debited from your account and securely & electronically transferred to the church accounts. There is no charge to you the individual donor.¹

PAR has been in use since 1976 as a convenient way for members & adherents to provide *consistent year-round* financial support for their local church. Use is now growing by about 15% every year. Increasingly donors find that monthly direct debiting allows them to more intentionally plan and honour their financial commitments to their local church.

Why should I sign up?

Being on PAR means you can still give even when life takes you away from us for a few weeks; its convenience saves you a trip to the bank, makes life easier for our volunteer offering tellers, helps the church budget for the year, and saves trees through the need for fewer envelopes. It's also much **more secure**, and you still receive a tax receipt for the full amount.

I'm used to weekly giving; how much should I give per month on PAR?

Consider what you would like to give for the year as a whole, and divide that amount by 12. Or if you currently give a set amount per week, multiply by 52 & divide by 12: eg. \$20/wk * 52 wks / 12 mths = \$87/month. Your gift is your choice.

But it feels strange not having anything to give during the service...

Small cards are available for PAR givers to symbolically place on the offering plate each Sunday if desired. The cards are printed with the words "My offering has been given by Pre-Authorized Remittance." Cards can be picked up at the entrances to the sanctuary and the offering tellers will return them for re-use the following week.

What if I want to give more in one month than I'm signed up for?

No problem – place your additional donation on the offering plate marked with your assigned envelope number.

NOTE: weekly offering envelopes will not be ordered for PAR donors in future years unless specifically requested. You can use any regular envelope for occasional donations marked with your name or assigned number.

How do I sign up?

Just fill in the blanks on the other side of this page and attach a void cheque in the blank space.

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- there are 59,677 donors on PAR, of which 43,674 are United Church members. United Church PAR donors contribute more than \$5.4 million per month to M&S, local congregations, and other designations.
 - there are 21,978 M&S donors on PAR, accounting for more than 50% of total United Church donors on PAR, contributing \$687,774 per month.
 - the average PAR donation is \$122.91 per person per month. The average national donation is \$81.23 per month.
 - the average PAR M&S donation is \$31.29 per person per month. The average national M&S donation is \$18.52 per month.

(As of February 2011)

¹ the usual transaction fee that you would also pay for withdrawing physical cash may apply