



Quick Glance

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Donation Amount: 10%
Time Commitment: 6 months
Status: Open by personal invitation

Welcome to Common Change

Welcome to the *RT Charter Community* on CommonChange.com. If you ever have questions about the website or how to enrich your experience do not hesitate to reach out to us at support@commonchange.com. You are not just joining a group but also a community of people who are pooling money with people they know, sharing ways to help those that they care about.

While each group and its members agree to the terms of service of Common Change, each group is unique in expression, and this is outlined in the group description or covenant. Below is your group’s unique description.

Welcome to Relational Tithe Charter Community

We are excited that you are joining or considering joining the *RT Charter Community* on Common Change. A current member has extended an invitation to you.

Group Description and Commitment

Because I share the hope of a relational transformation in myself and my community, and because I desire a collective sharing of resources in the church to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, heal the sick, and visit the imprisoned, 1) I commit 10 percent (a tithe) of my financial resources to the RT Charter Community for 6 months through the common fund. 2) I commit to honestly sharing the needs of my community and freely giving to other communities in need. My commitment to the RT Charter Community is an effort to create personal relationships with others across lines of class, race and geography. It is an attempt to participate in the needs of the larger human community in a more intimate and financial way. 3) I commit to reconciliation through relationships, and I believe the Common Change model provides this opportunity in a seamless platform of redistribution. 4) I commit to sharing myself in meeting the needs of those brought before the community by other covenant members of the RT Charter Community. 5) I commit to participate in this need-meeting by actively making myself informed on the needs brought before the group, and 6) am committed to sharing questions, ideas, and blessings to best collectively decide how to meet the need. 7) I commit to being transparent with my finances. I invite all other members of the RT Charter Community to encourage and stretch my understanding and practice of biblical economics, and my life as a red-letter consumer.

Contributing to the Group Fund

The Group Fund is the combined amount contributed by each participant of your group. If you become a member of this group, you can setup your contribution by login-in to your account, clicking on “My Account”, navigating to “My Finances” and setting up your contribution via our secured donate page. You may also make contributions by check or bill pay by mailing to Common Change 484 Lake Park Ave #665 Oakland CA 94610. If you would like to contribute to this group without becoming a member, you may use the following PayPal link: [insert link here]

Making, Discussing, & Closing A Request

To make a request navigate to “My Group” and click on “Submit a need request”

There are three guidelines for making (posting) requests:

- You are personally in relationship with the recipient
- The recipient is an individual
- You are not the recipient of this request, directly or indirectly

Discussing

The *RT Charter Group* uses the Common Change platform to make, discuss and close requests. Once a request has been submitted, it is automatically forwarded to all members via email. Members login to their account and respond to the need by clicking on the “Weigh in” tab.

Decision-making process for financial requests:



The Common Change platform works on an automated matrix which determines when a need is “met”. In the simplest terms, this matrix looks at how much the request is for, as a percentage of the total amount in the group fund, and determines the minimum percentage of approval needed to meet the need (for the typical need this is around 75% of the group).

Closing a request

After a request has been closed and approved for distribution, the person who originally brought the need before the group will need to login and update the recipient and payment information on the request page. Common Change will send the money and provide a letter to the recipient.

Support Common Change

Your individual contribution makes all the difference. 100% of every dollar you give to the Group Fund goes to fund requests that you participate in. Common Change does not charge for the use of the tools and services provided to your group. Common Change believes that generosity begets generosity and encourages members of groups to provide a “tip” donation to help support the ongoing operations and growth of Common Change. Contributions are tax-deductible and if you have any questions regarding finances, please contact support@commonchange.com

Note: when there are third party credit card processing fees, the net amount will be processed. Typically these fees are 6%.