# Vista UMC Giving Options

# Online Giving Using 3 Easy Methods Using Your Credit or Debit Card

### Vista UMC Website:

On our Vista UMC website click the *Donate* link. You can set-up regular payments or do one-time gifts with your credit card through Vanco, which is a very safe site used by more than 25,000 churches nationally and recommended by the UMC. We have used it for many years.

### GivePlus App - NEW!

Download the GivePlus app from the app store. The process is the same as the Donate link and links with Vanco. (Instructions are attached.)

## GivePlusText giving – **NEW!**

Type in 8337862645 (Vista's secure text number that links to Vanco) and type in your gift amount. Only the amount with no \$ signs. The first time you use it you will be asked to set-up your account. After the first time you just have to type in the 9-digit text number and amount. (Instructions are attached.)

# Cash Giving Through Your Bank and Investment Accounts

## Automatic Clearing House - ACH

Another option is to set up an ACH transfer between your bank and the church's bank. Contact our Assistant Financial Secretary Mary Berg at 240-5666 or maryktucson@yahoo.com.

### Bank Bill Pay

You can set up paying a gift directly to Vista through your bank. Contact your banker for further information. (The church uses this method for all reoccurring monthly bills.)

## IRA Gift From Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Retirees ages 70 ½ or older can transfer money *tax free* directly from their IRA to a charity such as Vista UMC and it can count towards your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). It is important to consult your Financial Adviser to set this up properly. *Please contact Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary.* 

# How to Use GivePlus Mobile

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app for free.

### 1. Search



Enter your church's name or ZIP code and click Search. Select your church and click Give Now.

## 2. Select



Select a fund, enter your donation amount and click Add.

### 3. Scan



**Scan** or enter your credit/debit card or bank account information.

4. Submit



Review and click Complete Donation.

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# Simple. Convenient. Secure.

Create a GivePlus account to track donations and set up recurring gifts.

### Create



Enter your church's name or ZIP code and click Search. Select your church from the list, then click Create Account.

# Manage



Click the menu icon to manage personal information, review donations and add/update payment methods.

# Schedule



Click Select Frequency the next time you give to set up recurring donations.

## Review



Select Giving History to view past donations.
Select Recurring
Donations from the menu to view or delete scheduled donations.

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10-Digit GivePlus Text # 833-786-2645

# **Quick Guide**

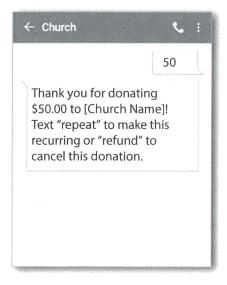
# 1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit GivePlus Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



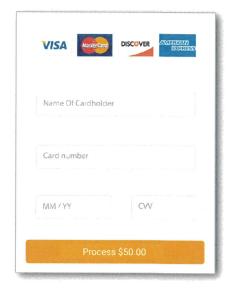
# 3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



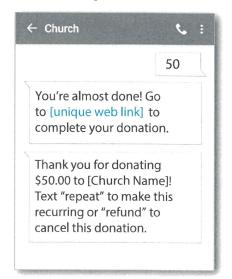
# 2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



# 4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.





# **GivePlus Keywords**

Note that keywords are not case sensitive

**Assist** - Sends instructions to the donor via text.

Response: To donate via text, send the dollar amount you wish to give, including a dollar sign. For example: \$50. Text edit to update your profile or halt to permanently disable text giving.

**Edit** - Allows donors to edit their name, payment method, address and email. Once the edit keyword is sent, the will receive link.

Response: To manage your profile, go to (link).

+ Allows donors to permanently disable Give by Text. At this time, they cannot re-enroll once they've opted out.

Response: Text to give to (Church Name) for this phone has been permanently disabled.

**Refund** - Donors can send this message to refund or cancel a donation they've submitted and we will direct them to call the church.

Response: To request a refund of your donation, please call (Church Name) at (Church Phone #).

**Funds** - Donors can send this message to receive a list of the Church's Give by Text Funds.

Text '(contribution amount) fund name' or text '(contribution amount) fund code' to donate to a specific fund.

# **Confirmations and Responses**

## **Registration Link**

Sent via text the first time a donation is made. Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

# **Error Messages**

## **Unable to Recognize Amount**

We could not determine the amount you wish to give. Please ensure you're using \$xx or \$xx.xx as the format. For example: \$50.00. Text assist for help.

### **Failed Transaction**

Your \$(amount) donation to (Church Name) has failed. Please contact your card issuer for assistance.

### **Registration Link Expired**

This registration link has expired, please send the dollar amount you wish to give, including a dollar sign to start over.

#### **Donation Confirm**

Sent via text each time a donation is made Thank you for your \$(amount) donation. Text refund to cancel this donation, edit to update your profile, halt to permanently disable text giving

### Unrecognizable Message

We're sorry, we didn't understand your request. Text assist if you need help.

#### Misc. Errors

I'm sorry, we are unable to process your donation. Please call (Church Name) at Church Phone #) for assistance.

### **Registration Link Issue**

I'm sorry, we were unable to process your request. Please send the dollar amount you wish to give, including a dollar sign to try again.







# **FAQs**

### How do members give by text message?

After members register, they will receive instructions on how to send donations by text message. Text donations are sent to a 10-digit number where they are received and processed by Vanco. Your organization is provided with a dedicated 10-digit number.

#### How will the church know when a text donation is made?

Text donations will appear on Vanco's standard processing reports along with all other transactions.

#### How do members know when their donations are processed?

Members receive immediate confirmation via text that their donation was received. After a text donation has been processed, it appears on the member's credit card statement.

### How quickly are text donations deposited?

Text donations are electronically deposited into the church bank account within 2 to 4 business days for credit and debit card transactions.

### Are all contributions set at a fixed dollar amount?

No. The member chooses the amount of the donation.

### Are members assessed any special fees?

No, but normal text messaging fees from their cell phone carriers may apply.

### Are text donations ever charged to a member's mobile phone bill?

No. Donations are processed using the payment method specified in the member's online profile. Phone carriers handle only the text message, never any financial information.

### What payment methods are available for giving by text?

Vanco Give+ Text supports donations via credit and debit cards.

### Can members set up recurring donations by text?

Yes. Donors can text "Repeat" after they've made a donation to make it recurring. They can also text "Schedule" to set up a recurring donation.

#### Can members text donations to individual funds?

Yes, a special texting code must be included in the text message to assign the donation to a particular fund. Your church determines the Texting Code (e.g. "Haiti") when setting up the fund with Vanco. Please contact a Vanco representative for more details.

