

## Website giving via stripe

This document will introduce you to giving to the ministry of our church by using the online giving option using the "Budget Donation" or "Designated" buttons on the website.

This process uses the services of <u>Stripe</u>; a secure online payment processor. Stripe is an independent credit transaction processor, and is not associated with any particular financial institution. Visa, Mastercard, and American Express cards are accepted.

## The process:

- This option works much like any online purchase with a credit card.
- Your normal credit card fees, or rewards, if any, will apply.
- If you are a regular donor to MRMC, please put your donor number in the message portion of your transaction.
- You may also use the message area to designate your donation to any of the causes indicated in our budget, or a known cause that might come up during the year.
- In the second window of the giving dialogue, there is a box showing 'One Time Donation' with a pull-down arrow. That is in preparation for a potential future feature to support recurring donations. Currently the recurring donation option is not supported.
- You will have the option of covering the church's processing fees. Note that the fee calculation is added to the donation amount that you specify in the first window of the donation dialogue. If you choose this option, your donation receipt for income tax purposes will include the fee paid.
- You will receive a confirmation email after your donation is processed.
  Note that this is a confirmation only and is not your receipt for income tax purposes.
- For this option, the processing costs to the church are .7% less than tithe.ly. (2.2% vs 2.9%)