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THE GRATITUDE COLLECTIVE



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How Does “The Gratitude Collective” Work?

I Corinthians 9:12-15

“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

Mutual generosity is a powerful driver in the forward movement of the Kingdom of God. God’s people are a team, all working to supply all the needs of all of God’s people. Those who have, contribute wholeheartedly and cheerfully. Those who receive, pray for those who give. This relational interchange results in a chorus of gratitude to God.

This passage, then, is the foundation for the Equipping Leader Ministries’ ***Gratitude Collective***. ***The Gratitude Collective*** is a cooperative, pay-it-forward resourcing approach for ministries participating in the "Next Wave of Ministry." In response to benefitting from The Gratitude Collective, churches, groups, and individuals join together in commitment to financial contribution and personal involvement in emerging ministry opportunities.

Practical Considerations

- The ministry each church or individual receives is freely provided to them by ELM through the generosity of ***The Gratitude Collective***. It is a show of confidence that God is working in that church.
- As a beneficiary of this ministry, each church is invited to participate in ***The Gratitude Collective*** as well. This certainly includes financial support. It also can imply providing other kinds of resources (coaches, workers, materials) to encourage and share expertise with another congregation.
- There is no set fee or amount. The contribution is determined after prayerful discernment of the contributing church. The idea is to give out of a generous response to God’s goodness and grace.
- Of course, as in all things, communication is key. Sharing how God is leading is really helpful.

Examples of Agreements

The Gratitude Collective Covenant Response

It is in that spirit that Equipping Leader Ministries (ELM) hopes to engender cooperation and collaboration between churches. Those that have received, contribute to those who need. Those that have need, pray for those who give. Everyone is grateful.

The prayerful and considered financial backing of individuals, organizations, and churches powers ELM’s ministry. ELM is able to offer assistance as an extension of their generosity. We call this group of committed partners ***The Gratitude Collective***.

So, ELM forgoes a specified fee schedule. It provides its services to every congregation that enters into its “Next Wave of Ministry” covenant. The ministry depends on *The Gratitude Collective* to underwrite its funding. It is built on the idea of non-transactional agreements. Here are samples:

1. A Statement of Partnership (for supporting congregations and institutions)

In gratitude for what we have received, and committed to looking after the best interests of other congregations, we propose to support Equipping Leader Ministries with a total of:

\$_____ per _____ (month, quarter, year) for a total of \$_____ per year, for _____ year(s).

We also agree that as the Lord opens doors, we will engage in other kinds of support - coaching, training, sending workers, etc.

We understand that this is a relational commitment, and that while we are contributing resources to the well-being of other congregations, we will in turn be receiving spiritual support from our sister churches who are presently in a ministry partnership with ELM.

2. A Statement of Stewardship (for churches receiving support)

In gratitude for the generosity of other congregations and individuals, we commit to work as stewards of this trust in a collaborative relationship with ELM. As a part of this relationship, we commit to:

- Pray regularly for the individuals and churches who make this collaboration possible.
- Cooperate fully with the processes we mutually agree upon with the representatives of ELM (see attached “Outline of Collaborative Process”)
- We agree to embrace a prayerful consideration of joining *The Gratitude Collective*.

Actual materials and some admin fees might apply (depending upon the amount of administrative assistance the local church can supply.)

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