

Resources for congregational giving, developing a culture of generosity, and managing donations

Compiled by the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, for the September 2026 Finance Network meeting

1. Stewardship report on generosity in congregations

Developed by a Christian organisation with a different theology to Unitarian and Free Christian churches, but with much that is applicable to us.

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/generosity-report>

2. Parish Resources on encouraging giving and generosity

Developed by the Church of England, with much that is relevant to our congregations – a wealth of resources worth exploring

<https://parishresources.org.uk/giving/>

3. Who is your congregation? Rev Bob Janis

Written in the context of covid, and online worship – but a useful framing to think about which parts of your congregation might be motivated to give in different ways

<https://spiritbob.com/2021/01/22/who-is-your-congregation/>

4. Charity Commission guidance on Gift Aid

Official guidance on how Gift Aid can be claimed on donations

<https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid>

5. ACAT guidance on Gift Aid

Information from the Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers [of which the GA provides membership for all congregational treasurers – get in touch if you don't yet have access]

<https://www.acat.uk.com/topic/gift-aid-and-gasds/>

6. ACAT training events

The Association of Church Accounts and Treasurers run regular training events, including on Gift Aid and fundraising

Upcoming Gift Aid online training on 5 November

<https://www.acat.uk.com/training-events/>

7. Fundraising advice

Through the Innovation Fund, Birmingham Unitarians engaged Counter Culture to provide consultancy on how to improve their income streams; they would recommend them to other congregations

<https://www.counterculturellp.com/services/fundraising/>