



Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

What Is PAR?

With Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), church offerings are given by an automatic monthly debit from individuals' bank accounts. PAR is convenient for the donor and supplies a reliable income for the congregation. **It is an option, not a requirement.**

Why use PAR?

It is convenient: your offering is deducted automatically. PAR allows you to support our church even when you're away – a benefit for the church, since expenses continue all year long. Most importantly, you're in control: you can increase or decrease your amount (or withdraw from the program) at any time by filling out another PAR Authorization Form. These changes will come into effect within a month's time. Any offerings received through PAR will count towards your total annual donations receipt.

Will I still use envelopes?

Envelopes will continue to be issued for all regular givers. You can use your envelopes for Special Collections not covered by your regular PAR offering.

What happens at offering time?

In the church entranceway on the flyer rack, there are PAR cards which you can deposit in the plate. Alternately, you can write "PAR" on the weekly envelope and deposit that empty envelope in the plate, or simply pass the plate on.

What does it cost?

The cost to the congregation is 50¢ per person per month. There are no setup fees. Individual donors are charged their normal debit fee by their bank. Debits are drawn on donors' accounts on the 20th of each month (or the following business day if the 20th falls on the weekend) and the church account is credited the same day.

Confidentiality

PAR is administered by the United Church of Canada's PAR programme. They are committed to keeping your personal information confidential and secure.

How do I sign up?

Fill out a PAR Authorization Form (available on our website under "Resources"), include a VOID cheque, place both in a sealed envelope marked "PAR" and place it in the offering plate, give it to our Financial Secretary, Olga Jurgeneit, or mail it to the church. The PAR Authorization Form can accommodate 3 offering designations: "Current", "CLWR" and "Endowment Fund".

What are some monthly equivalents of weekly offerings?

If you give \$30 weekly, that corresponds to \$130 monthly (there are not exactly four weeks in a month). \$20 weekly = \$87 monthly, \$10 weekly = \$43 monthly, or multiply your weekly amount by 4.3.

Other questions? Contact the Pastor or Olga Jurgeneit.