

ALLIANCE FUNDING CHANGES

Frequently Asked Questions

INDIVIDUALS



Q Why is The Alliance making funding changes?

The vision of The Alliance—to see *All of Jesus for All the World*—is clear. The strategy of serving communities, multiplying church networks, and developing people is proven. But the funding can be confusing. We want to fix the confusion. The new funding changes will:

1. Be simpler to explain and understand.
2. Embrace all Alliance work advancing the whole gospel.
3. Make it easier for you to give to the worker or work you love.

Q How was this decision made?

Over the course of the last 3½ years, the Board of Directors, President's Cabinet, The District Superintendent leadership group, and Alliance Missions leadership wrestled with the current funding system and opportunities for growth. They brought initial findings to Council in 2019. After receiving feedback from Council committees and the Alliance constituency, the decisions were made to proceed and begin this new funding system in July 2021.

Q When do the new funding changes begin?

The new funding changes will begin on July 1, 2021. Updates to the online giving platform will be made on July 1, 2021 to align with the changes.

Q What is changing about the Great Commission Fund (GCF)?

The Great Commission Fund will now have greater impact across all expressions of Alliance Missions. This means that your general gift to the Great Commission Fund will have greater direct benefit for aXcess, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries workers and work. All Alliance expense needs are now in one GCF budget and more accurately represent the entirety of Alliance work and finances.

Q What is not changing about the Great Commission Fund (GCF)?

What is not changing about the GCF is that it will continue to be the primary funding source for The Alliance to advance gospel access around the world. It will continue to provide support for international workers, with funds being put to immediate use where most needed.



Q Which type of gift is better? Should I give generally through the GCF or specifically to a worker or work?

Now ALL gifts are equally needed, and each gift is celebrated! If you want to give generally to all workers and work through the GCF, this is great and so needed. If you want to partner with a specific worker or work, this is great and so needed. You are invited to partner where you feel led to give. One type of gift is not more important than another type; what is important is that we all lean in together to send more workers and accomplish the work that God has called us to do.

Q What does this change mean for IWs?

Every Alliance international worker—from aXcess, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries—will now ask you to partner with them and their ministry in two simple ways:

1. Give generally to The Alliance.
 - a. Every international worker will now benefit from this kind of gift.
 - i. For aXcess workers, CAMA workers, and Envision site leaders, general giving will cover a portion of a worker's compensation, language study, children's education, and ministry and operating budgets.
 - ii. For marketplace ministries workers, who are contract workers with The Alliance, general giving will help with health insurance, language grants, professional development, and member care.
2. Give specifically to the ministry they are involved in.
 - a. The worker will have the freedom to use these ministry funds based upon an approved budget. With your gifts, the worker can stay on the field and meet vital ministry needs in the communities they serve.

Each type of gift is vital for our workers. Each type of gift matters. Each type of gift is counted as part of the new Great Commission Fund.

Q How do the funding changes impact short-term workers?

Nothing will change with Envision short-term workers, Envision mid-term workers, or Alliance Missions' apprentices. Each individual will continue to need to raise their own funds for trips, internships, residencies, and apprenticeships.

Q I give an automatic recurring gift; do I need to make any changes to the designation of my gift?

If you give a recurring general gift to the Great Commission Fund . . .

1. No change is necessary! Your gift will continue to be put to immediate use where it is most needed. It will now have greater direct impact for all expressions of Alliance Missions: aXcess, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries.

If you give a recurring gift to a worker you love . . .

1. Starting on July 1, 2021, changing your designation from a specific account-like support, work, vehicle, or outfit—to the worker's one ministry account will be of greater benefit to the worker. While you will not be required to make this change, the worker will have greater flexibility to use your donation as most needed according to their ministry needs, versus receiving gifts to the separate categories of support, work, vehicle, or outfit.

If you give a recurring gift to a project you love . . .

1. No change is necessary! If you give to a project you love, you can continue to do so! The work you love will continue and your gift is still necessary to accomplish the ministry.

If you give a recurring gift to CAMA . . .

1. No change is necessary! If you give to CAMA, you can continue to do so! The work you love will continue and your gift is still necessary to accomplish the ministry.

Q Does this change have any effect on how I actually make my gift?

While the new funding changes may impact how you designate and where you designate your gift, the Alliance funding changes will not have any impact on the way you give. Please continue giving in your preferred way! You can give:

1. Online.* Monthly and one-time credit card or e-check gifts can be made online at cmalliance.org/give.
2. Through your Alliance church offering.
3. By check. Make your check payable to “The Christian and Missionary Alliance” and mark the memo line with your designation. Then mail to the National Office:

The Alliance
8595 Explorer Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
4. By phone: Have a credit card ready and call toll free (866) 443-8262, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (MST)
5. Non-cash gifts: There are many other tax-wise options that may be right for you. You can visit cmalliance.giftlegacy.com to learn more about giving gifts of stocks, securities, real estate, IRA qualified charitable distributions, and more.

*Online giving will change July 1, 2021 to accommodate these changes.

Q What does this change mean for CAMA?

Gifts to CAMA will continue to be accepted and needed to advance relief and development work and demonstrate Christ-centered compassion. Donations to CAMA, including to any CAMA worker and project, now count as part of the new Great Commission Fund. And any gift you make generally to the Great Commission Fund will have a more significant benefit for CAMA workers and work!

As always, CAMA will continue to respond to natural disasters that impact our Alliance family. Giving to CAMA's Disaster Relief fund is a direct way to help with relief and recovery.

Donations to CAMA can continue to be made on camaservices.org and cmalliance.org.

Q How will ALL expressions of Alliance Missions benefit from general giving through the Great Commission Fund?

In the new Great Commission Fund, ALL expressions of Alliance Missions—*aXcess*, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries—will receive financial benefit when you give to the Great Commission Fund. A general gift to The Alliance through the Great Commission Fund will be put to immediate use where it is most needed according to budgeted needs.

Q Is this new funding change a product of the National Office relocation to Ohio?

The Alliance funding changes are completely separate and unrelated to the relocation of The Alliance National Office to Columbus, Ohio. The reasons, purposes, and work for these changes began years before the relocation was considered.

Q I currently give to a worker's support, work, vehicle, or outfit account. Do I need to change how I designate my gift?

Thank you for partnering with an Alliance international worker! Starting on July 1, 2021, changing your designation to the worker's ministry will be of greater benefit to the worker. While you will not be required to make this change, the worker will have greater flexibility to use your donation as most needed according to their ministry needs, versus receiving gifts to the separate categories of support, work, vehicle, or outfit.



Q Can I give directly to The Alliance National Office but let my local Alliance church receive reporting credit for my gift?

Yes! You can choose to give directly to The Alliance National Office but still allow your local Alliance church to receive reporting credit for your gift. This is done by “soft crediting” your local church so that your giving is reported internally as part of their Great Commission giving goals.

1. Why would I want to soft credit my local Alliance church?
 - a. Your local Alliance church is given a report on their financial investment in the global ministries of The Alliance. Your Alliance church has percentage goals for engagement with the global work of The Alliance, and your soft-credited giving will help them reach their goals.
2. Does soft crediting my church change my gift’s tax deductibility?
 - a. No. When you soft credit your local Alliance Church for your giving it does not affect your tax deductibility. Your gift is still tax deductible to you. You will still receive a receipt in your name. All it means is that your church will receive “soft credit” for your gift on internal Alliance reports.
3. How do I soft credit my church?
 - a. There are several ways to set up your giving to soft credit your local Alliance Church:
 - i. You can select your church to soft credit when you go through the giving process online at cmalliance.org/give.
 - ii. You can send in a note with your next check donation indicating the church you attend and want to soft credit. Note: please include the city and state of the church in your note.
 - iii. You can call our Donor Services team and they can set up your soft credit. They are available by phone toll free at (866) 443-8262, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (MST).

