



Sustained Giving via Direct Payment

Phone Script

Conducting a phone campaign to encourage gifts? Here's how to encourage sustained giving via Direct Payment, which has shown to increase contributions, improve cashflow for religious organizations and boost donor engagement.

Potential donor agrees to make a gift

“ Wonderful! With a monthly gift to our program, you'll be supporting us year-round. And monthly gifts help us accomplish our goals and plan ahead. Would you like to make a recurring or a one-time gift?

Donor chooses to make one-time payment

“ Okay, great! If you would ever like to become a sustaining donor, just let us know at any time.

Donor chooses to make recurring gift

“ Thank you! We appreciate your ongoing support, and you won't have to remember to gift once we set it up.

“ Before I start getting your information, I wanted to ask, have you heard about the benefits of contributing with Direct Payment? With Direct Payment your gift is automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you choose without you having to do anything. Additionally, while many payment options — such as credit cards — have transaction fees, with Direct Payment, more of your gift goes to our cause.

“ Would you like to go ahead with this gift with your card or through Direct Payment?

Donor chooses to make one-time or recurring gifts via Direct Payment

- “ To sign you up for Direct Payment, I'll need your bank account number and routing number. You can find this on the bottom left hand of a check or in your bank's online portal or app. Once you have that, if you could just read those numbers to me that would be great.
- “ And may I ask whether that is for a checking or savings account?
- “ OK, great. If you ever want to change the amount of your gift or cancel it, you can do so at any time on our giving website or by giving us a call.

If donor is worried about their financial information being safe with Direct Payment

- “ Direct Payments are safe and confidential. Unlike checks, which contain your account details and can pass through many hands, Direct Payments are encrypted and transferred electronically, and your personal account information remains protected.
- “ And just as you can dispute a fraudulent credit card dispute, you can dispute a fraudulent Direct Payment and be credited by your bank.

As the phone call wraps up

- “ Thank you so much for joining our sustained giving program! You will see the first gift withdrawn from your account on [month, day]. Thank you again, and I hope you have a wonderful day!



Visit ACHGiving.org to learn more about how your religious organization can benefit from Direct Payment.