

New CCFS App launched to support church giving



Church giving is changing...rapidly

The way our congregation members give is rapidly changing and many churches are unprepared for the new digital economy.

That's why the new CCFS app is an essential giving option for churches and their congregations.

I remember the days when I would give to my church in cash. Then by cheque (I'm not sure my teenage children would even know what a cheque is!) and more recently by EFT. But even that is being left behind by other digital and mobile giving options. In the US, 74 percent of churches offer online giving in some form. That's up from 42 percent just two years ago and whilst the figures aren't available in Australia yet, we expect they're similar. Churches not offering digital and mobile giving options will miss out on much needed income.

App Features & Highlights

We have invested considerable time and money developing the new CCFS Giving App to ensure it is a valuable resource for church congregation members, treasurers and administrators. Highlights include:

1. Church members can download the app from the Apple or Android store and begin giving to their church straight away.
2. Gateway to CCFS Online for CCFS customers
3. Access to all the latest CCFS news and updates
4. Links to commonly used forms and resources
5. Link to Churches of Christ Insurance
6. Contact details for CCFS and your Churches of Christ state office
7. A cost-effective alternative to Pushpay



A 2018 report into church digital giving trends revealed that digital givers gave on average 33% more and 44% more often than through conventional giving channels. This was even more pronounced amongst mobile givers.

The CCFS App helps prepare churches for the rapidly changing giving environment. Check out our website, give us a call or send us an email. We're happy to chat.

FRANC 2018 meeting held in Melbourne

Almost forty leaders and senior executives from all major denominations and church groups gathered in Melbourne during March for the second annual FRANC forum at the Uniting Church's Centre for Theology and Ministry at the University of Melbourne.

There was much positive feedback about the gathering with our guest speakers, Dean Pearson (NAB Head of Behavioural & Industry Economics) and Peter Murphy (former CEO of Christian Super) providing entertaining and insightful presentations.

FRANC is a joint initiative of CCFS, Churches of Christ and the National Council of Churches. Created as a forum for managers and senior executives of Australian church business units, FRANC seeks to facilitate

collaboration and innovation, the sharing of best practice, and provide an avenue for networking and mutual support.



Janet Woodlock, Federal Co-ordinator Churches of Christ in Australia opening FRANC 2018

Announcing the new CCFS LSL Accumulator Account

We are pleased to announce the release of the new CCFS Long Service Leave Accumulator account. This product is a partnership between CCVT and CCFS, designed as an alternative to the soon to be phased out MEBS account. The LSL Accumulator account will assist in securing employee long service leave entitlements, offering benefits to both employees and employers.

Employer churches and organisations participating in the new CCFS product enjoy the benefits of regular investment income that helps fund future entitlement

payments. Employers utilising the LSL Accumulator also enhance employee confidence by providing a higher level of security for employee entitlements.

CCFS will facilitate an information session at the upcoming Victorian Courage 2018 Summit to answer any questions and ensure a smooth transition during the MEBS wind-down period. Additionally, the friendly finance team at CCVT are available to help with any general questions you might have regarding long service leave obligations.

Shot of Inspiration

“¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”

- Rom 5:1-2 NIV

Helpful Hints

Take care when loading funds on to your MEA Visa Card

One very important fact often overlooked by MEA Card users relates to the maximum amount the MEA card can hold. The amount is \$4,999, not \$5,000. Common sense says the regulators should round it up but no, \$4,999 it is. Any attempt to load more will result in a failed transfer. If the card already has an unspent balance from a previous transfer then care needs to be taken not to transfer an amount that brings the new balance over \$4,999.

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