

matching gifts

Employer Matching Gifts 101...

Did you know that you may be able to **double** your contribution to SPC by having your employer match your gift? Corporate matching gifts are a great way for SPC members, attenders, and friends to maximize personal contributions to the church and increase the impact of their gift. **Some companies will match employee donations of cash, stock, and even the value of your volunteer time to religious organizations.**



What about my giving to particular SPC-sponsored mission programs or events throughout the year?

Some companies, such as Microsoft, will match your gift as long as the donor notes that it is for "SPC Outreach Missions." Microsoft will process and match employee gifts to religious organizations when the gift is designated to an ongoing secular community service program sponsored by these organizations which is open to all persons and does not propagate a belief in a specific faith.

What about my annual giving/pledge to SPC?

Companies have an opportunity to match your annual giving in two ways: by matching your annual giving to the *SPC General Fund*, or by matching your annual giving to the *SPC Outreach Missions Fund*. As some companies will not match general giving to a religious organization, but will match social giving to a religious organization, SPC has created a special *Outreach Missions Fund* that you can designate annual giving to. Please bear in mind that this fund will be used *only* to fund "social" causes that SPC Mission has elected to support—money gifted to SPC in this manner will not go into the SPC General Fund. This allows us to maximize our qualification for corporate matching.

Which companies have already provided matching gifts?

SPC has received matching gifts from **Microsoft, Safeco, Costco, Regence, Motorola, FM Global and Holland America**. Please check with your employer about matching gifts to Sammamish Presbyterian Church or to SPC Outreach Missions. And if your employer doesn't offer matching gifts, why not ask them to!

How to Participate:

Each company has its own guidelines for employees, spouses, retirees, and widows/widowers. Most corporate procedures are very simple:

1. Make a donation to SPC via check, stock transfer, or even volunteer hours.
2. Inquire about company matching gifts through your human resources or personnel department to determine eligibility for Sammamish Presbyterian Church.
3. If SPC or SPC Outreach Missions is eligible for matching, then request a matching form from your company. If SPC is not on the employer's list of eligible organizations, ask if SPC can be added. Contact the SPC Accounting Office if you need assistance.
4. Complete the donor's portion on the matching form and submit the form to your company's matching gift service provider. Note: some companies have eliminated paper and have an online process. Your employer will be able to guide you through the appropriate process.
5. SPC will verify for your company's matching gift service provider the completed paper or online form.
6. After the donation has been confirmed by SPC and approved by the employer, a matching gift contribution will be made by the company to SPC. Please note that because the matching gift was made by the employer, company contributions will not appear on individual statements.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact giving@spconline.org.



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