



are you on **PAR?**

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

2 Corinthians 9:7



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**PAR** Authorization Form

I hereby request and authorize the Christian Reformed Church:

Name and address of local church \_\_\_\_\_

to withdraw each month from my account, starting \_\_\_\_\_, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

mm/yyyy

as a contribution by me to the above local church.

Contributor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_ benevolence \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other (please specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of financial institution: (To ensure accuracy, please enclose a sample cheque marked "void.")  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of contributor \_\_\_\_\_

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## What is PAR?

**PAR** stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance. **PAR** is a "direct debit" program that allows people to give through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account.

You may already have automatic debits from your bank account to pay for insurance, cable TV, taxes, or your mortgage. If so, then you understand the **PAR** principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year.

## What about PAR in my local congregation?

Yes, your local CRC is now facilitating giving by **PAR**! As such, you may authorize your regular, budget giving simply by providing your church with your bank info and your monthly giving amount. The rest is automatic. No more cheques or budget envelopes. Of course, you may cancel or change either the amount of your gift or other information at any time.

## What are some advantages of PAR to me, as a contributor?

**PAR** provides an opportunity to give faithfully, as you have thoughtfully and prayerfully determined to give, which means:

1. Regular support of your church in the amount that you choose;
2. Continual support of your home church when you are away;
3. Avoidance of "catch-up" periods.

## What are some advantages of PAR for my local congregation?

**PAR** is an effective method for facilitating giving, which provides:

1. Regular, dependable flow of contributions;
2. Better opportunity for budget and cash flow planning;
3. Reduction of paper work and bookkeeping;
4. Reduction in bank service fees and bank overdrafts.

## "I'm interested, what are the details of the PAR program?"

1. Signing up simply requires the filling in of an authorization form and attaching a cheque marked VOID, for purposes of verifying your correct bank information. Submit the completed form to your church treasurer.
2. The debits from individual accounts occur on the 20th of each month (or the next available business day).
3. Changes should be submitted in writing by the 10th of any given month.
4. Your **PAR** giving is added together with all other giving received throughout the year and included on your annual receipt for tax purposes.

## What about the offerings?

Each Sunday, those who give through **PAR** may make use of "giving cards" to place in the budget offering plate as a symbol of their giving.

There is no minimum number of participants required for a congregation to initiate the program. However, since one of the basic purposes of the program is to facilitate regular monthly giving, congregations will find that the more people that are on the program, the more valuable and viable it is. Coupled with the ever-rising costs associated with bank service and processing fees, the **PAR** program can be a valuable giving tool for both the giver and the congregation.

For further general information concerning the **PAR** program, or to enrol your congregation, please contact:

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*Small cards are available to put in the offering plate in place of envelopes.*

*"Whether or not I am there . . .  
. . . my church has ongoing commitments every week that need my offering.  
My church is important to me, and so is my financial commitment to its work.  
That is why I use the **PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance) system to fulfill my commitment."*

