

LOCAL CHURCH

Local church ministries are facilitated by Firstfruits from constituents.

- Church outreach/evangelism
- Children's ministries
- Youth ministries
- King's Men Fellowship
- Women's Ministries
- Missions
- Church facilities



LOCAL

YOUR FIRSTFRUITS TOUCH PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD!

DISTRICT

District ministries are facilitated by Firstfruits from the local church.

- Leadership training
- Youth ministries
- Paracleteing with other districts
- Pastoral training
- Emergency aid to the local church

DISTRICT



WORLD

NATIONAL & WORLD MINISTRIES

General church, national and world ministries are facilitated by a portion of the Firstfruits from the districts to the general office.

- Pastoral care to ministers
- Ministerial development
- Enhanced minister training
- Resources to local churches
- Leadership training
- Special missions projects

FIRSTFRUITS

sharing God's best
with the world



OUR FIRSTFRUITS FACILITATE MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD!

AN INVIGORATING
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD
INITIATIVE FOR FINANCING GOD'S CHURCH

Tithing is God's plan for financing His Church. It first appears in the story of Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18). From the law of first mention, we learn the tithe of Abraham was his Firstfruits of thanksgiving to God for bestowing increase. Melchizedek pronounced a special blessing on Abraham. Sacrifice to God was not started with the giving of the Law to Moses or even in the day of Abraham but beforehand in the Garden of Eden. Firstfruits was a principle continuing into the New Testament in the day of Christ, the Early Church and continues today as God's plan for financing His Church. The Scriptures are plain: Giving our Firstfruits positions us for the blessings of God.



WHAT IS FIRSTFRUITS COVENANT?

The Firstfruits Covenant is a plan whereby each church affiliated and associated with the Pentecostal Church of God is encouraged to support General and District ministries with Firstfruits (10%) of their undesignated income (Designated income = Ministers salaries, missions, and revivals).

WHERE DO WE SEND OUR FIRSTFRUITS?

Firstfruits should be sent to each church's respective district office. The district office will forward one-half of Firstfruits to the General Offices of the Pentecostal Church of God (1/3 if the district has less than 35 churches).

IS IT BIBLICAL FOR CHURCHES AND BUSINESSES TO TITHE?

Why not? The prophet Malachi challenged the nation of Israel to bring, "all the tithe," and the prayer of Moses in Deuteronomy 26:15 was for the blessing of God to rest upon the entire nation of Israel as a result of the Firstfruits Covenant. The presentation of the tithe to God opens the windows of Heaven and allows the blessings of God to flow. This Covenant promise is applicable to individuals, churches, businesses and nations. Jacob vowed to give the Lord a tenth of all his business earnings (Genesis 28:22). Paul's ministry in Jerusalem was financed by various churches, which Paul noted as fruit, and stated that this provision of fruit would allow him to minister in the fullness of the blessing of Christ (Romans 15:28, 29). Tithing is evidence of appreciation to God for His blessings and supply. God will bless individuals, churches and business that position themselves by the offering of the Firstfruit. Firstfruits Covenant is based upon a faith commitment. If a church tries it and finds God does not bless, at their option they can stop!

HOW DOES FIRSTFRUITS BENEFIT THE LOCAL CHURCH?

First, it provides a source of revenue whereby the General Office can resource the local church in fulfilling their mission through materials and meetings. Second, it provides revenue whereby the District can facilitate the local church through a wide variety of avenues, such as enhanced youth ministry support, assistance in emergencies, special meetings, or other opportunities that may present themselves for the district to assist the local church. Third, it opens the door for an international ministerial development and pastoral care focus. The tithe was used for the support of these who minister in the House of God, and the

financial resources from this Covenant can spiritually enhance those who serve the local church. Fourth, each local church can cheerfully become a partner in the future of the PCG and make a difference in the way our fellowship approaches ministry.

HOW DOES FIRSTFRUITS BENEFIT THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD?

We have great potential of touching our local churches across the world through Ministerial Development/Pastoral Care. It is imperative that we train, resource and strengthen our pastors who are in the trenches of everyday ministry. Firstfruits will also provide a base for the operations of our international ministries and will assist in providing training opportunities for district and local leadership.

HERE ARE THE STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1** Schedule a date to meet with your church leaders to present Firstfruits Covenant and get their support.
- 2** Do the research. If possible collect the data from previous years experience. Try to figure your potential income if your church focused and taught on the tithe principle. A giving potential sheet is available for computation.
- 3** Meet with your church leaders and plan a Firstfruits workshop for your church. If the general office can assist you, please let us know.

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