

Donor Bill of Rights for St. Mark's Community Church

Financial Generosity is based on voluntary action of followers of Jesus for the mission and vision of the local church. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the gospel message and to personal Christlikeness. To assure that generosity merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the church and its programs they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

1. To be informed of the church's mission, of the way the church intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the church's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the mission and vision of the church.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing the church will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the church or hired solicitors.
9. To request that their names not be shared on mailing lists.
10. To feel free to ask questions when donating and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.