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Canton, Ohio 44718  
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## Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Authorization Agreement

Please Print:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monthly Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to be debited as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number (See Below): \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Type (Check One): \_\_\_\_\_ Checking \_\_\_\_\_ Savings

I authorize **Church of the Lakes** to initiate electronic debit entries from my account according to the information above. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I have cancelled or changed it in writing.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### STAPLE VOIDED CHECK BELOW

John & Mary Smith 1000 Beacon Blvd Canton, OH 44718	1234
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____	Date _____
_____ Dollars	\$ [ ]
ANY BANK Canton, OH 44718	<b>Routing Number</b> [ ] <b>Account Number</b> [ ]
For _____	_____
: 012345678  : "4321009889" 1234	

# EFT at Church of the Lakes

EFT, or electronic funds transfer of regular church offerings, is available at Church of the Lakes. This is a convenient, monthly alternative for giving your regular financial support to Church of the Lakes' mission and ministry. You may enroll, modify, or terminate your EFT authorization at any time. To enroll, complete the enclosed authorization agreement and mail it, drop it off at the Church office, or place it in an offertory basket. Please mark it to the attention of "EFT Agreement" and it will be routed in confidence to the Church's Financial Secretary who will process all debits and record them on your giving statement.

Church of the Lakes  
Attn: EFT Agreement  
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Why would I want to give to the church electronically?**

Many people who regularly tithe a portion of their income find electronic fund transfers are a convenient option. This is especially the case during times when you can not attend worship, such as vacations. EFT also streamlines receipt of your financial support by the Church and helps the church predict its income so that the mission and ministry of the church can be better planned.

### **Q: When would the EFT or Electronic Transfer take place?**

Automatic contributions to Church of the Lakes will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and/or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can choose to have your entire contribution debited on *either* the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup>, or can select to have half of it debited on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the remaining half on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You should record your chosen debit amount(s) in your check register on the 5<sup>th</sup> and/or the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. *If the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, the amount will be debited on the next business day.*

### **Q: Are there any risks? How can I keep a record?**

Electronic contributions are safer than writing a check. They can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed. While your check is handled by numerous people, your EFT will be processed electronically by the Church Financial Secretary who will provide you with periodic statements. The electronic funds transfer will also appear on your monthly checking statements.

### **Q: What if I want to make a change?**

Simply complete a new authorization form and return it to the church office. Allow 2 weeks for processing of changes. You may increase, reduce, or stop your EFT at any time.

### **Q: What if I change banks?**

If you change banks, simply complete a new authorization form and attach a voided check.

### **Q: What if I try EFT and don't like it?**

You can cancel your authorization by notifying the Church of the Lakes Financial Secretary in writing 2 weeks prior to your next scheduled contribution.

### **Q: How do I participate in the weekly offering?**

You may always give during worship as the spirit moves you to support special missions and ministries. Otherwise, you may simply write "EFT" on the offering envelope and place it in the collection tray. While doing this is not necessary, it is instructional as parents demonstrate their financial commitment to the church for their children during worship.

### **Q: Who should I contact with additional questions?**

If you have questions or would like to submit or update your EFT form, please contact Church Financial Secretary Stephanie Strock at [stephanie@churchofthelakes.org](mailto:stephanie@churchofthelakes.org).