A New System for ONLINE Contributions and Payments at SPC.

Things are changing at Stony Point Church for how we manage *online* Contributions and Payments. If you normally make contributions or payments with cash, checks or via your bank's online Bill Pay system, nothing will change. However, if you have been using the link for AccessACS to make online payments to SPC, please read on.

Until now, we have been using a system called AccessACS to process any form of online payment to the church, whether it was a tax-deductible contribution or a 'payment' for an item or event (a retreat, a book, a Wednesday Night Dinner, childcare, etc.)

SPC will now be separating these two systems, and **Charitable Contributions** will be processed differently than **Payments**:

1. **Charitable Contributions:** We will be using the Church Center app for all online charitable (ie., tax-deductible) contributions to the church. This app is not set up to receive anything that is non-tax-deductible (see **Payments** below). If you have previously given through the ACS online portal, you will need to input your new financial information into Church Center. On your computer, you can download the Church Center app from stonypoint.churchcenter.com. On your phone, you can search for Church Center from your particular app store. If you are a member or regular attender at Stony Point Church, you're probably already in our database and can access your profile using any phone number or email address that we have listed for you. If you're not able to find your profile, rather than create a new one, please email Virginia at va@stonypointchurch.org for assistance.

   NOTE: Until **January 1, 2023**, you may continue using Access ACS to make contributions. If you switch to the new system prior to January 1, you will receive two 2022 end-of-year contribution statements, one for any donations made via AccessACS and one for any made via Church Center.

2. **Payments:** As a non-profit organization, Stony Point doesn't really *sell* anything. However, if you would like to reimburse the church for the cost of a book, meal or event, it is always appreciated! Going forward, we will be using Stripe to handle this type of online payment. Stripe gives you the option of saving your financial information for future payments.

   NOTE: 'Payments' are not considered tax-deductible because you are receiving a benefit for your donation. Beginning in 2023, they will no longer appear on your end-of-year giving statement, even as non-deductible items.

a. For meals and events, you will now find a link associated with the registration page for that particular meal/event, usually located on our Calendar Page (link). For example, you will find a payment link for Wednesday Night Dinners here.

b. For books or other materials, please pay Here!

A little more about the Church Center app: This app is more than just a site for giving to Stony Point Church. Once you log in, Church Center allows you to access and update your own contact information, as well as that of your entire household. You can see the Community Groups you're participating in, a record of your giving to date, and any events you've registered for. As we add information to the system, you'll be able to see even more. If you have questions about navigating the app, or need help with updating information, please contact Virginia at va@stonypointchurch.org.