

Donation Policy

Good News Associates

Approved by GNA Board President and Treasurer, April 2026

Good News Associates (GNA) is a nonprofit organization (501c-3) that supports individuals (“Associates”) called to serve in non-institutional Christian ministries—often outside traditional churches, denominations, or nonprofit structures. We are ecumenical, non-creedal, and make major decisions through shared spiritual discernment.

Associates are at the center of everything we do. GNA exists to connect them with the resources they need to carry out their unique ministries. We don’t have a large endowment or reserve fund—our work is sustained by the generosity of donors. In fact, individual donations (large and small) make up 75% of total revenue through March 2026 of this fiscal year.

This policy is here to help guide donors who are considering giving to GNA.

Why we have this policy

- To build strong, transparent relationships with donors
 - To set clear expectations for gifts over \$5,000
 - To help larger donations be processed and used without delays
 - To honor the integrity and reputation of Good News Associates
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What kinds of gifts we accept

We gladly accept gifts that:

- Align with GNA’s core values
 - Match both the donor’s intent and how GNA can responsibly use the funds
 - Are given as **unrestricted gifts** within this policy
 - Are given as **restricted gifts** when they are clearly designated for:
 - A current or planned GNA Associate or program
 - A specific purpose (such as travel, lodging, meetings, fundraising costs, or equipment like computers or software)
 - Professional services (such as accounting, tax, or legal support)
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Types of gifts we can receive

- Cash or checks
- Electronic transfers (including PayPal and bank transfers)
- Charitable bequests that are not in conflict with this policy
- Vehicles (through careasy.org)
- In-kind contributions (non-cash goods or services)

Types of gifts we cannot accept

We will decline gifts that:

- Are made in cryptocurrency
- Conflict with our mission or could damage trust in how we use resources
- Would require significant extra time or expense for our staff
- Are overly restrictive in how they must be used
- Could create legal obligations we aren't equipped to manage (such as real estate)

Gifts that need additional review

If a gift falls outside the guidelines above, it may be reviewed by a small committee of the GNA Board along with the Executive Director.

When reviewing a gift, we consider things like:

- Whether the gift supports GNA's mission and purpose
- Whether any restrictions give the donor too much control over GNA or an Associate's work
- The overall impact of the gift on the organization and the communities we serve

We may also:

- Decline any gift that could compromise our mission or reputation
- Consult legal or tax professionals when needed
- Conduct internal due diligence before accepting larger or more complex donations

Donor privacy

We treat all donor information and communications as confidential. We will only share or release donor information with the donor's permission.
