



## November 2021

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### Welcome 2022 – New Year Resources

The holidays and New Year preparations are upon us. The End-of-Year and New Year often bring increased support calls in January. Due to this increase, we have extended January hours. We also have many resources on our website to help you move into the new year in Church Windows. You do not have to wait until January to open your new year and start working on pledging or budgets or anything you want to start on for 2022. Take a look at the help files to see how you can move into the future now! We advise saving this month's tech tips to your Favorites so you can access this handy list of free documents and movies to assist in making your transition to 2022 a smooth one.

December – closing at 1 on 12/23

closed 12/24 & 25

January – closed 1/1/2022

January extended hours – EST

9 am – 8 pm Monday – Thursday

9 am – 5 pm Friday

10 am – 1 pm Saturday

### [New Year Prep & Help Page](#)

Documents and movies specific to the different modules are available on the New Year Prep & Help page. We also have a myriad of free movies and documents available at any time. If you have a question after support hours, make sure you look at our Support Center to see if you can find an answer to your question. You can reach support at 1-800-533-5227 or [support@churchwindows.com](mailto:support@churchwindows.com).

### [Support Center](#)



## Vanco News

### Bring #GivingTuesday to Your Church

Have you heard about #GivingTuesday? It's a global day of giving that takes place on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Last year, 33.1 million people in the U.S. celebrated by donating their time and money to support their favorite charitable causes.

Your church can join in this worldwide day of generosity. [Click the link below to watch a short, eight-minute video](#) to learn how you can participate and reach new givers during this year's #GivingTuesday.

[Tap Into #GivingTuesday](#)

### **Year-end giving reminder: Special tax deduction helps most people give up to \$600 to charity, even if they don't itemize – from the IRS Newswire Issue # IR 2021-214**

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today reminded taxpayers that a special tax provision will allow more Americans to easily deduct up to \$600 in donations to qualifying charities on their 2021 federal income tax return.

Ordinarily, people who choose to take the standard deduction cannot claim a deduction for their charitable contributions. But a temporary law change now permits them to claim a limited deduction on their 2021 federal income tax returns for cash contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. Nearly nine in 10 taxpayers now take the standard deduction and could potentially qualify.

Under this provision, individual tax filers, including married individuals filing separate returns, can claim a deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made to qualifying charities during 2021. The maximum deduction is increased to \$600 for married individuals filing joint returns.

Included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, enacted in March 2020, a more limited version of this temporary tax benefit originally only applied to tax-year 2020. The Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020, enacted last December, generally extended it through the end of 2021.

Cash contributions include those made by check, credit card or debit card as well as amounts incurred by an individual for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses in connection with their volunteer services to a qualifying charitable organization. Cash contributions don't include the value of volunteer services, securities, household items or other property.



The IRS reminds taxpayers to make sure they're donating to a recognized charity. To receive a deduction, taxpayers must donate to a qualified charity. To check the status of a charity, they can use the IRS [Tax Exempt Organization Search](#) tool.

Cash contributions to most charitable organizations qualify. But contributions made either to supporting organizations or to establish or maintain a donor advised fund do not. Contributions carried forward from prior years do not qualify, nor do contributions to most private foundations and most cash contributions to charitable remainder trusts.

In general, a donor-advised fund is a fund or account maintained by a charity in which a donor can, because of being a donor, advise the fund on how to distribute or invest amounts contributed by the donor and held in the fund. A supporting organization is a charity that carries out its exempt purposes by supporting other exempt organizations, usually other public charities. **from the IRS Newswire Issue # IR 2021-214**

### Changes

To ensure that you receive updates, news, tech tips, and other relevant information from Church Windows, please take a moment to ensure we have the current email and contact information. You can update your contact information by emailing [info@churchwindows.com](mailto:info@churchwindows.com) with your present contact person and email address or call 800-533-5227 to verify current contact information.

### Backing Up

Remember to make backups of your data regularly. Back up often to prevent possibly having to re-enter data! You can perform this function yourself, and it only takes seconds. Don't depend on someone else. A secondary backup never hurts, even if your data is hosted on Church Windows Web.

[Church Windows Web & General Backup Information](#)

