

It is the goal of the OroNaz Finance Team to keep this church family updated on our financial blessings and challenges. Through this expanded Financial Connection we share biblical teachings that direct the decisions made by the CLT and we hope you can find application to your life as well.

Over the past year, we have shared biblical teachings about *stewardship, being intentional, worrying, God the Provider, Love of Money, investing money, giving* and *tithing*. This month we will discuss how this local church implements some of those same principles in the call to first give back to God part of what is received for the kingdom work in the larger body of Christ. Just as an individual is called to tithe to his/her church, OroNaz chooses to give 14% of all tithes and offerings to the Nazarene denomination to support the many needs here, near and far.

In the monthly Financial Connection, you may have noticed a section titled Shares for Others. In brief, Shares for Others are monies given to the Church of the Nazarene denomination based on our local titles and offerings.

The Church of the Nazarene has always been heavily involved in world missions with the goal of making Christ-like disciples in all the nations. Our local church contributes 5.5% of all tithes and offerings received to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) to participate in supporting missionaries and missions throughout the world. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$38,015 to support the WEF.

At a more local level, OroNaz sends 4% of all tithes and offerings received to the Administration Fund. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$27,647 to the Sacramento District Office. These funds are managed by our local district to meet the needs of churches and district ministries within the Northern California region. In addition, our local church contributes 2.25% of all tithes and offerings received to the Educational Fund. This fund is managed by our regional university, Point Loma. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$15,552 to support the educational needs of Point Loma.

Finally, OroNaz sends 2.25% of all tithes and offerings received to the Pensions and Benefits Fund. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, OroNaz sent \$15,552 to help provide a modest benefit to retired pastors and missionaries of our denomination.

God continues to provide for our every need. As OroNaz gives our *Shares for Others* to our denomination, we are participating in the great commission making Christ-like disciples in all the nations. Our church and our finance team count it as a privilege to join other Nazarene churches in contributing to these funds because together, with God as our guide, we are making a difference.

March is the 1st month of the annual budget year that runs March 2023 to February 2024. Thank you for your continued financial commitment; it is a testament to what God is doing in us and through us.

Our Pastor, CLT, Treasurer (Joey McCoy) and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at finance@oronaz.org to start a conversation.

Projected budget March 2023-February 2024	\$730,070
Needed for Essentials — March 2023	\$53,625
Needed for Other Exp.— March 2023	\$7,214
Giving for March 2023	\$97,160
Expenses paid in March 2023	\$58,739
Needed Year to Date	\$60,839
Giving Year to Date	\$97,160
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$58,739
Shares for Others Paid Year to Date World Evangelism Fund	\$5,238
Pensions & Benefits	\$2,143
Education	\$2,143
District Ministries	\$3,810