

Faith CRC Christian Day School Assistance Program Frequently Asked Questions

Questions & Answers:

Q: Why did the program change?

A: The program is intended to be consistent with CRC's position on congregation support for Christian day schools. The updates are based on recommendations from an ad-hoc team set up by council at the end of 2009. The ad-hoc team reviewed Synod's Christian Day School Report—2006 as well as investigated several other congregational plans during the development of this plan.

Q: How much will the church contribute to the cost of Christian Day School Education?

A: Faith CRC commits to paying 10% of the annual tuition cost for each child attending a Christian School. The schools include Pella Christian Grade School, Pella Christian High School and Peoria Christian School.

Q: How do I ensure that my family is included in the program?

A: If you are a faithful member of Faith Church and your children plan on attending a Christian day school, you will be enrolled in the program that will pay 10% of the current annual tuition cost for each child attending Christian day school.

Q: What if I desire not to receive or do not need the 10% support from the Church?

A: Each family will have the opportunity to "Opt Out" of the annual Christian School support program, thus providing additional support for those in need. "Opt Out" forms will be distributed annually to all families with school aged children.

Q: What happens to the funds or money from those families who chose to "Opt Out"?

A: These funds will be added to the funds available for level 2 support, thus allowing additional support to those in need.

Q: Is the churches contribution paid directly to the school?

A: Yes, it will be paid directly to the appropriate school on your behalf and should be reflected in your tuition statement.

Q: When will the church make this payment?

A: The church will make a payment to the schools by January of each year.

Q: What if I need more assistance?

A: Faith CRC also has a secondary support program based on needs and income levels that provides additional support. Please contact your District Deacon or Elder if these needs arise and they will provide you with the necessary form(s).

Q: Is this additional (Level 2) support for benevolent (one time) needs only?

A: No. The additional support is intended to help families with annual incomes that would normally not allow for them to send their children to Christian day school. In the event that an unexpected event significantly changes a family's income or expenses, the church is committed to supporting our families through benevolence assistance.

Q: What are the qualifications or requirements for receiving financial support beyond the 10%?

A: The parents will need to fill out the Level 2 assistance application form and return it to your District Deacon. The information needed includes the information on the family's annual income range and listing of children attending school. The assistance is based on the income and number of children in the family. The recommended support amounts are intended to keep a family's tuition costs to less than 13% of their annual income (assuming support form STO is also being used)

Q: What if the 10% and level 2 support is not enough?

A: Based on previous years' assistance requests, there are very few situations like this. If this situation does occur, parents are asked to meet with their care district deacon.

Q: What happens to any remaining funds at the end of the year?

A: At the Deacons' discretion, funds remaining at the end of April may be distributed to participating families of students attending Christian Schools, paid directly to the school in the month of May.