

# Centre Church Shopping Card Program

## *Spending with Spirit*

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### What is it?

This shopping card program offers you a chance to donate to Centre Church simply by doing your usual shopping. You buy prepaid shopping cards at face value. Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC), the organization that administers the program, buys these cards in bulk. Because of their volume buying, merchants offer the cards to GLSC at a discount. The difference between the card's face value and the discounted price goes to the church.

For example: You pay \$25.00 for a card. GLSC charges us a discounted price of \$23.75. The church gets the \$1.25 difference.

You can use the cards for your own shopping or give them as gifts. Note that you don't have to be a member or even affiliated with the church to participate. You can consolidate orders for your friends and the church will still receive the discounted difference.

### How can I participate?

There are several ways to participate. The first is to visit our table in the Narthex after worship. Check through the list of participating retailers, place your order and pay with a check made out to Centre Church. That's it! On the following Sunday, we will have your shopping cards for you.

Secondly, you can purchase Cash and Carry Cards. A few of the most popular cards have been pre-ordered by the church, so you can stop by the table and pay for one on the spot.

Finally, if you really want to streamline the operation, you can link your bank account to the program and directly order everything online, although the cards still get sent to the church to be picked up by you the following Sunday.

### Which companies provide shopping cards through this program?

All kinds of merchants and restaurants participate in this program, including Barnes & Noble, Home Depot, L.L. Bean, Whole Foods, Stop and Shop, Yard House Restaurants, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Home Goods, Macy's, and Talbots. Even Dunkin Donuts has a card! We have a list of the participating companies, or you can view the list by visiting the Great Lakes Scrip Center web site: <http://www.glscrip.com>

The percentage of each purchase that goes to Centre Church varies by merchant, with 5% as the average.

### Who can I contact if I have questions?

**Please contact John Sievers, Shopping Card Coordinator.**