

## The PAR Advantage!

If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, insurance, cable TV, taxes, fuel, or mortgage, then you understand the PAR principle.

### Advantages to You!

1. Convenience: no writing cheques or trying to find cash, less paperwork, and no worries about donations while you are away.
2. Regular support of Knox United and/or the Mission and Service Fund. It's according to your wishes.

### Advantages to the Congregation!

1. Being able to count on regular donations means increased overall financial stability for the Church.
2. A reliable monthly income means the ability to plan for regular expenditures.

## How do I Enrol?

### It's simple:

1. Fill in the authorization form and attach a sample cheque from your account, marked "Void."
2. Give the form and the void cheque to Angela Reid or place on the collection plate.

## Don't Delay!

Ensure that your gift will continue to benefit Knox United throughout the year by enrolling in PAR.

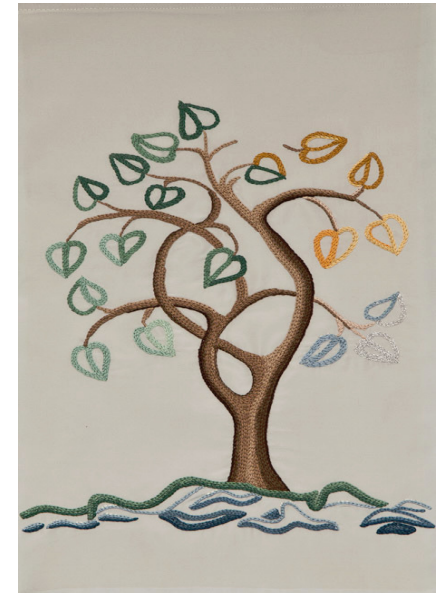
**Please contact Angela Reid (Treasurer, Knox United) 673-3166 to enrol in the Knox United PAR program.**

An information package is also available at the main church entrance for your perusal.

This program is partly supported by M&S.

**Knox United Church**

## Are You on PAR?



*"I give by Pre-Authorized Remittance because my church is one of my priorities"*

## What is PAR?

Pre-Authorized Remittance, or PAR, is a “direct debit” program administered by The United Church of Canada.

It allows you to support Knox United through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account or credit card.

Many people use the PAR system for their church offering, finding it a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church, month by month. You too can participate in this program.

It's flexible. People can designate their gift to local church expenses, the Mission and Service Fund, and other special funds, just as they would on an offering envelope.

## Benefits of PAR

PAR helps smooth out seasonal income fluctuations due to vacations or illness. This reduces the treasurer's cash-flow worries!

PAR has less impact on the environment because fewer envelopes are produced.

Small cards are available to put on the offering plate in place of envelopes.

A small number of envelopes will still be available for those times during the year when one might want to give something extra (Christmas, Easter etc.)

Once a month, your PAR donation is debited from your account/credit card and electronically transferred to the United Church of Canada and from there, to Knox United.

## Some PAR Facts

PAR was introduced in 1976 as a convenient and safe way for members and adherents to provide consistent, year-round financial support for their local church.

It's now growing at a rate of about 15 percent every year. Increasing numbers of people find that monthly direct debiting allows them to more intentionally plan and honour their financial commitments to their local church.

As of February 2011

- 1,587 United Churches are on PAR.
  - 59,677 givers are on PAR.
  - The contributions of United Church PAR donors to M&S, local congregations, and other designations are more than \$5.4 million per month.
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