

## **RENT CREDIT FOR CHURCHES HOSTING ETHNIC CONGREGATIONS AND/OR ETHNIC/LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIPS**

### **TOTAL GIVING CREDIT EXPANDED**

The Executive Presbytery has taken action to encourage churches to provide their facilities for the purpose of encouraging ethnic Assemblies of God congregations. The Executive Presbytery has authorized that Assemblies of God Total Giving Credit be given to a church that provides facilities for ethnic congregations. Assemblies of God Total Giving Credit will be given to churches that make their facilities available for ethnic Assemblies of God congregations at no cost. Considering that the cost of providing facilities increases with the size of the church, the following Assemblies of God Total Giving Credit may be given according to the following scale:

<b><u>Seating</u></b>	<b><u>AG Total Giving Credit Per Service</u></b>
200 or less	\$150
201-500	\$350
501-1,000	\$700
1,001 and over	\$1,000

The maximum number of services for which Assemblies of God Total Giving Credit can be given will be 3 per week or 156 per year.

Churches providing the facilities usage would be responsible for notifying their districts of the number of services and the congregation for which they were provided.

The districts then would report the facilities usage on their quarterly reports which are sent to the General Council Contributors Services Department.

We believe this is one of those steps that can encourage the planting of new churches and yet reward the congregation that provides its facilities to these emerging congregations.

April, 2005 Minister's Letter

Action taken by the Executive Presbytery in session, January 2005

**NEWS RELEASE:** During the June 8-9, 2010 meeting of the Executive Presbytery, a motion prevailed to extend the Total Giving Credit to include churches who provide at no cost the use of their facilities to an ethnic/language fellowship for a national or regional event. They may receive up to \$1,500 AG Total Giving Credit for each event.