

CAP Partnership

Walking alongside people in financial distress

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Partnering with CAP

By partnering with CAP, your church will empower, support and listen to your local community, ensuring that people living in financial distress in Australia are no longer isolated or forgotten.



Why should our church partner with CAP?



Walk alongside people in financial distress



Talk about money in a biblical, applicable way



Gain and improve skills and confidence with ongoing training



Play a part in seeing people move towards wholeness in Christ

CAP Australia has been partnering with local churches for over 20 years, inspiring and equipping them to ensure no one faces financial distress alone.

The Church is the Body of Christ – a unity between God and His people. As the Body of Christ, CAP believes that the Church is uniquely gifted and called by God to undertake the crucial work of walking alongside those in financial distress.

We believe that churches can be places of hope in their communities, where people have the opportunity for transformation. The Church is best placed to offer safe spaces for *whole life* transformation – going beyond changing someone’s financial situation and connecting them into community through relationship.

Through partnership with CAP, you will be supported and empowered to:

- Share the hope of Jesus with struggling people in your community, so that no one falls through the gaps
- Address the complexities of money and poverty within your church and community
- Grow your church with the confidence to consider a biblical perspective around money, and how we can use money to positively shape the world around us.

You will join a movement of churches who are inspired and equipped to take action to help struggling people in Australia, ensuring that no one is alone in financial distress, and everyone has the opportunity for transformation.



What is Money Mentoring?

One of the ways in which your church can partner with CAP, and walk alongside those in financial distress, is through **Money Mentoring**.

Over a number of weeks, CAP trains church-based staff and volunteers to become Money Mentors. The training is online and self-paced, focusing on building mentoring, interpersonal and financial capability skills to practically help those in financial distress. When someone becomes a Money Mentor, they join a community of Money Mentors from other churches to continue to build knowledge and experience as time goes on. This means someone who is struggling with their finances will receive not just financial capability skills, but will be given the opportunity to build a deep and long-term relationship with their Money Mentor – connecting them with a church community, educating them about other helpful services available, and providing holistic care for their individual situation.

Money Mentoring champions churches to respond to the biblical mandate God has given to care for the poor and marginalised. It empowers churches to use the training to implement a money mentoring ministry to suit their church and community context. Some churches may have a money mentoring ministry as part of a community outreach program, like a food bank. Some may run money mentoring group sessions at their church, others may focus on one-on-one relationships. The beauty of Money Mentoring is that it is flexible and adaptable for churches to decide how they can best reach those in financial distress in their community.



How Money Mentoring works

1. Get Trained

Individuals in your church will complete training to become a Money Mentor, gaining the skills and confidence needed to walk alongside people struggling financially. Training is online and a blend of self-guided learning and live online sessions.

2. Start Up

Integrate their training into the ministry of your church and the life of your community.

3. Stay Connected

Money Mentors receive ongoing support and training from the team at CAP Head Office.

4. Involve your congregation

Take your congregation on a journey to seeing a deeper spirit of generosity, unity, hospitality and prayer towards those experiencing financial distress.



What is covered in the training?

- A biblical, effective approach to building financial wellbeing
- How to apply the curriculum to a diverse group of people
- Financial best practice and technical skills
- Important interpersonal relational skills for a mentoring context
- Triaging vulnerable people so they can receive the right support
- How to prepare and integrate the training in your ministry and local community context...and much more.



Is Partnership with CAP right for my church?

If your church is...



Located in Australia



Excited to share the hope and redeeming love of Jesus to people who don't yet know him.



Willing to learn and have a heart to make meaningful relationships with people in financial distress

...then partnering with CAP will be for you!



Is there a cost to partnering with CAP?

Churches that partner with CAP make a monthly contribution towards seeing the Church in Australia strengthened as a place of hope – a safe space where struggling people come to be connected into community through building relationships, find support in managing their financial situation, and experience whole-life transformation through meeting Jesus. It allows CAP to continue to provide training, resources, and ongoing support to the Church to ensure no one faces financial distress alone.

Through partnership with CAP, your church will receive:

- Training for as many people in your church (as available) to become Money Mentors
- Access to the Money Mentor online training portal
- Access to online budgeting tools provided by CAP
- Resources including written guides and promotional material
- The opportunity for Money Mentors to be connected into community with other Mentors from across Australia, to learn, share and pray together.

CAP is committed to making Money Mentoring accessible for all churches, no matter their size or financial means.



Have a question?

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