

Interview with ARC President Greg Surratt on Oct. 13, 2021, for story [Joshua Mauney's former NewSound Church in Florida](#):

Julie Roys: So I'm told that ARC got 2% of the tithes, is that true?

Greg Surratt: That's something I am not aware of. I can say that, uh, churches choose to give, you know, whatever they want to towards church planting with ARC. I don't know that that was the case with NewSound Church.

Julie: But it wouldn't surprise you if it was actually in some sort of legal agreements that ARC got 2%?

Greg: No, no, no, that would surprise me. There is no legal agreement that says ARC gets 2%.

Julie: Okay, could that have just been in the local constitution they wrote?

Greg: I wouldn't think it would be in, no. That's a choice that they have. That church was planted. ARC did the training. And once it's planted, it's its own church. And they are encouraged, if they want to, to give toward planting new churches. But there is no legal you know, whatever on that . . .

Julie: Okay. Is it unusual for a church—these 1,000 church plants—is it unusual for them to be giving money back to ARC or to be paying ARC in any way?

Greg: No, it's not unusual. It's not required, nor is it unusual—just part of the mission.

Screenshots from ARC's website 6 months ago posted on Reddit:



FUNDING

Do church plants give back 10 percent or 2 percent?

It takes big money to plant a church, and when it comes to funding, our goal is to make sure you have the resources you need. If you complete all steps in the ARC process we will match the money you raise by contributing \$30,000 – \$50,000 in the form of a zero-interest loan plus and up to an additional \$20,000, if needed, during the first six months to help your new church meet its budget.

Starting on month seven, after your launch, you will begin to repay ARC at a rate of 10 percent of your church income. Since ARC churches give 10 percent (or a tithe) to missions, this amount counts as your missions dollars

during the repayment period.

Once you have repaid the funds loaned to you by ARC, your missions giving will be 2 percent to ARC and 8 percent or more to your choice of recipient(s).