Do you have the law of tithing in your church? It is given in the Old Testament, Malachi 3:8-12.

[8] Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

[9] Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

[10] Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

[11] And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

[12] And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

This law is that every member, even the poor, should give 10% or their income to the church.

Prophets pay tithing. Abraham paid tithing to Melchizedek. (Genesis 14:18-20)

Abraham's grandson Jacob made a covenant to pay tithing. (Genesis 28:20-22)

After the children of Israel were brought out of Egypt, the prophet Moses commanded that they should give one tenth to the Lord. (Lev 27:30-34)

Even the widow should give her "two mites." (Luke 21:1-4)

The church leader then uses the tithing donations to build up the church and to help the poor people in the church.

Donating tithing is an act of faith, obedience, and sacrifice. The Lord will bless those who give tithing to the church, as He promises in Malachi 3:10-12.

I hope and pray that the members of your church will pay tithes and offerings.

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