



FUNDRAISERS POLICY

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Purpose

The purpose of the fundraiser policy is to define when and what type of fundraising can be conducted on Church property/facilities or extended to Church members.

Definitions

Fundraisers: Fundraisers are defined as the solicitation of funds or the promotion of goods or services for a benefit external to Church planned spending.

Church-Wide Fundraisers

Church-wide promotion of goods or services for fundraising purposes is not permitted without written approval of the Executive Team. The Church of the Resurrection ("Church") is frequently asked to endorse and permit opportunities to promote the sale of goods or services to its congregation with an agreement that a portion of the proceeds would go to the church or to an outside charity. The Church limits such events for several reasons, including: elevated priority of stewardship campaigns, capital campaigns and special offerings; limited communication resources; and to maintain the spiritual focus of worship experiences.

Ministry-Specific Fundraisers

Individual ministry areas are permitted to organize and support groups of volunteers who work on specific charitable projects. These groups occasionally raise funds through the sale of goods or services to help cover expenses associated with specific projects or ministry. Examples include the youth orchestra selling cookies to raise scholarship fund for a ministry tour or a missions team raising funds for an upcoming trip or a ministry need. The Church permits ministry-specific fundraisers under certain conditions:

1. Written approval is attained from the Executive Team.
2. Proceeds from the fundraiser are exclusively used for the intended purpose.
3. Fundraisers may not occur between October 15 and December 31 without written Executive Team approval due to the importance of the annual stewardship campaign, Christmas offering, and Joy in Serving.

Hosting Non-Church Sponsored Fundraisers

The Church will not permit external groups to conduct fundraisers on any church property, without written approval of the Executive Team. These fundraisers may or may not be consistent with the church's theology, culture or mission. Permitting such fundraisers on its facilities may inaccurately imply that the Church is endorsing these fundraisers.