

Guidelines for all Fund Raising at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Mission Statement: Gathered By Christ, Growing In Faith, Sent To Serve

1. All fund raising activities on behalf of LCR are to be conducted with the sole purpose of supporting the above mission.
2. Before starting any activity to organize a fund raiser, approval has to be requested from the church council. At this time, all relevant details should be discussed such as dates of the event, facility usage requirements, items to be sold, and a proposed usage for the funds to be raised, etc. Approval can be requested by the chair person of a fund raiser committee, a standing committee, or council liaison.
3. Fundraising is to be done only to support a specific ministry or outreach that is beyond the limitations of our regular budget. No fundraising may be undertaken which is inappropriate to our lifestyle as Christians, or which, in any way, does not contribute to the fellowship of our members as they carry out the mission of the church. No fundraising activity is to take place in the narthex, which is the area adjacent to the sanctuary. Fundraising efforts under taken on days of worship are to be offered for a free will offering only and must take place in either the fellowship hall or outside of the building. Fundraising activity must be limited to one activity on site at any given time. Advertising of fundraisers is to be limited to the LCR Resurrection Connections publication, the LCR E-Letter, and the activity of the bulletin board. No announcements regarding fundraising activities are to be made via the verbal announcements prior to worship. No games of chance shall be employed to raise funds. (ie, Bingo, etc.)
4. The proceeds from fund raising activities may be split in order to accommodate several needs. Care should be taken to balance these needs between local and world-wide missions, internal church activities, and building/facility requirements alike.
5. The council is charged by the congregation with properly conducting all church business. As such, it will make all final decisions with regard to fundraiser activities and the disbursement of proceeds, while giving due consideration to the input from individuals involved in the fund raising.
6. In the event of extraordinary needs after approval has been given for a particular purpose, a dialogue between the council and sponsoring group will be reopened to determine how the funds will be spent.
7. As a matter of principle, fund raising efforts should never be viewed as an alternative to or substitute for sound stewardship practices. As members of the body of Christ, we have a responsibility to support the operational budget of the church out of the means which God has given us. Giving to the work of the church should always be encouraged as an act of thanksgiving and Christian response to God's grace in Christ.

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