

Guidelines for Fund Raising

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The following guidelines are intended to aid committees, organizations, and members in considering fund raisers:

- that congregational fund raisers be limited so that we maintain our focus on stewardship of offerings;
- that fund raisers be aimed at significant human needs, such as world hunger, and not used for matters which could be budgeted;
- that fund raisers be creative, meeting a need (sale of seasonal greenery might be an example), offering fellowship (as in a dinner), or bringing people to Hosanna's campus (a bazaar with a benevolent purpose);
- that all fund raisers must be approved by the Church Council at least three months in advance of their potential initiation.

The timing of approval was obviously a stumbling block, and I also found a list of proposed changes to the guidelines. This is not dated, and has no notation on it as to whether it was approved or not.

Proposed Changes to Existing Guidelines for Fund Raising

1. If the fund raising activity involves and outreach into the community (such as an appeal to combat world hunger), the activity must be approved by Council three months prior to commencing the fundraiser.
2. If the fund raising activity involves an appeal only to the congregation (e.g. the Risa White Fund), Council must approve but no time constraints will be involved.
3. Intra-organizational fund raisers (e.g. Men's Club collection for kitchen needs) require no Council or Congregational approval.