

FUNDRAISING POLICY

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Since fundraising activities can be of a variety of different types such as car washes, auctions, solicitations for gifts to special projects, it is difficult to set guidelines which encompass each set of circumstances. The primary consideration should be for Lake Hills Presbyterian Church to serve others from a Christian perspective.

Fundraising activities should have value to their participants. Car washes promote hard work, teamwork, and Christian fellowship. Lotteries, bingo, and other such games on the other hand are inappropriate. Retailing merchandise for profit promotes hard work but does little more and therefore is not acceptable.

Raising money through contributions for special projects should be done appropriately. People may be informed of their opportunities to give, but solicitation of individuals is discouraged.

Use of church facilities for paid activities, such as tennis lessons or an aerobics class, should be for the benefit primarily of the participants, the church family, and/or the community. It would be appropriate for the participants to request the use of the church for such activities, rather than the instructor, who is presumed to have a direct financial interest.

Money raised for special projects should be allocated for those projects. The treasurer should keep adequate records to see that funds raised are spent appropriately. For example, all money given for tennis courts will be placed in the Recreation Fund. Money raised by the youth groups should be used for conferences, retreats, and youth projects.

As always, we should remember that God's work through the Presbyterian Church is primarily funded through our tithes and offerings to carry out the church's mission. No other special fundraising should distract or compete with it. Likewise, the church budget should provide proper support for all groups within the church family, including the youth groups.