

Interim Policy on Fund Raising and Special Collections

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Statement of Purpose

Our Mission and Covenant states that we are a religious community where we support individual and collective service to the larger community. The purpose of this policy is to encourage and support individual and collective service, while coordinating certain church-sponsored fund-raising activities. In addition the Board seeks to provide a supportive, yet non-disruptive, forum for individual service to the larger community.

In furtherance of this purpose, the Board adopts the following policy:

A. The following fund-raising activities may proceed routinely, without further review of the Board:

1. Any fund raising campaign approved by the Congregation at a Special or Annual Meeting.
2. The annual stewardship campaign conducted by the Canvass Committee.
3. The annual auction conducted by the Auction Committee.
4. The traditional fund-raising activities of the Alliance (i.e. Bargains, Book table, Christmas decorations sale, etc.)
5. Periodic routine appeals from the Endowment Committee, but not major capital drives.
6. The Hungarian dinner to raise money for the Partner Church.
7. The annual "Guest at your Table" drive to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.
8. Minor fund-raising events sponsored by the RE program and run by the children or youth, not to exceed one per month, and approved by the DRE. A minor fund-raiser is one that seeks to raise \$250 or less.
9. Larger fund raising events sponsored by the RE program and run by the children or youth, not to exceed one per calendar quarter, and approved by the RE Committee.

- B. The Board shall approve any other solicitation to be conducted in the name of the church, whether from a committee, or individual, or group of the church . Requests for approval shall be submitted in writing to the Board at least one week prior to its regularly scheduled monthly meeting.
- C. Any individual who wishes to solicit funds for non-church charitable causes in furtherance of their own individual service to the larger community is encouraged to write a brief notice for the Belfry. The notice might: (1) describe the charity or cause, (2) state the reason he or she feels called to support it, and (3) indicate when he or she will be collecting the funds. To assist the solicitation, while minimizing announcements during the service, the Parish Assistant will arrange for a notice to be placed in the church bulletin the morning of the solicitation.