

Fundraising Policy

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Purpose

Chemung Christian Fellowship (CCF) believes that the tithes and offerings of its members and regular attendees should support its ministries. We desire that our witness to the community be that of a willing servant and not an organization that is seeking funds from them. We believe that God will support through His people those ministries to which He calls us.

However, we realize that there are times when a person, group, or ministry within the church wishes to pursue an activity in which the participant pays part of the cost. We do not wish to exclude those who may not have the financial resources to take part in the activity. Furthermore, to instill a Christian work ethic and provide the participant with a vested interest in the activity, we also do not wish to just have the church pay their way out of the program funds. Therefore, fundraising activities within the congregation will be considered acceptable if they fall within the guidelines of this policy.

Qualifications & Procedure

Fundraisers will be reviewed and considered for approval by the Board of Administration for the following:

- Individual or Group Missionary Trips with an approved Christian purpose.
- A Catastrophic event in the life of an individual or family associated with the Church.
- Any other fundraising activity to be considered and approved by the Board of Administration will be based on the conditions of need, church or community benefit, and minimal impact to the normal Church operations.

Examples of fundraising events include, but are not limited to, fundraising dinners, work days, and bottle drives. These activities may be organized and run provided that promotion of the activity remains within the congregation (Sunday Morning announcements, church bulletins, Mailbox Flyers, etc. but no outdoor or public bulletin board placed signs).

Scheduling of all such fundraising activities and campaigns must be coordinated through the Church Pastor and Board of Administration.

The following fundraising events are not acceptable:

- Fundraising activities for external programs and causes, not directly related to or run by the church, or not listed at beginning of this section.
- Events that involve aggressive sales pitches.
- Events that might create a bazaar atmosphere in the Church.
- Direct solicitation of parishioners before, during or after any worship service or Church-wide event. (Flyers in Mail Boxes are acceptable)

Groups/Individuals conducting fundraisers must provide a report back to the Board of Administration detailing the following information after the completion of the fundraiser:

- How much money was collected.
- A listing of how much and where the profits were used.

The required follow up report is due two weeks after the end of the event.