

## **Media Use and Fundraising**

As a church we receive weekly requests for support and donations from many worthy causes. The financial situation of many public and private schools has put enormous pressure on students and parents to participate in various fundraisers. To be fair in providing access to our communications tools for those within our fellowship, and to the community, such use of our media channels is reserved for our events and activities related to ministries we currently partner with and support as a local church.

We do not allow individuals to use our media or resources to raise funds for personal or outside ministry related needs, but members are encouraged to share their personal activities and testimonies with our community and invite others to pray for them. We hope this will naturally promote fellowship, mutual support, and encouragement through small groups and friendship circles. We may allow informational emails about such things to be sent via our Google Group, provided they are not merely fundraising solicitations.

### **Individual Activities in Support of Worthy Causes**

Many of our members participate in short-term mission trips, walk/run for charity, work in shelters and food pantries, sponsor children in underprivileged countries, etc. We encourage you to share your activities with your small group. Fundraising support within small groups is at the discretion of the group leader.

### **Group Outreach Projects**

Periodically small groups will participate in outreach projects such as item collections, service projects, or similar activities for causes that match the values of our church. Promotion of these activities is determined on a case-by-case basis.

### **Disaster Response**

In the wake of a natural disaster or other world event our communication tools are used in support of our particular response efforts. This allows us to concentrate our efforts on relief organizations that have vetted by the leadership team.

### **Children's Fundraisers, Recitals, Etc.**

To avoid overwhelming the congregation with requests and risk hurting the feelings of a child, we do not allow for any school or club fundraisers.

If your child is participating in a recital or event and you want to let the church know about it or invite the whole church to attend, you can send a note to the Google Group. Posters for children's recitals can be posted in the Sunday School area at the Sunday School Director's discretion.

This media policy is not meant to exclude any person or activity – it's our attempt at relieving the great burden of not being able to "do it all". It is imperfect and our application of it is imperfect. Our goal is to do well in balancing the stewardship of our resources and encouraging our members in all that God has empowered and equipped them to do. If you need additional clarification, contact the church office.