

Lakeside Fellowship UMC Fundraising Policy

This policy relates to the solicitation of funds for ALL LakeSide ministries or outside entities

Scope

This policy applies to all Clergy, Staff, Ministry Leaders, Attenders Members

Ministries & Charities Defined

Officially sanctioned and supported ministry or charity of LakeSide Fellowship UMC are any activity that has received formal approval as actioned at the regular Leadership Team meeting and has been approved for calendaring on the official LakeSide Fellowship UMC calendar.

Support shall be defined as the need to deploy the human or financial resources of LakeSide UMC in the planning, or conduct of the activity itself and done in the name of LakeSide Fellowship UMC.

Approval shall be for activities that are consistent with our published mission, not in conflict with other efforts of the Church, and that cannot be adequately resourced or funded by LakeSide Fellowship UMC general operating fund.

Generally, these fall into two separate groups – Charities and Ministries.

Charities shall be categorized in two ways:

a.. Those that possess a 501, c3 status and address a need consistent with our mission statements and stated use of the tithe fund to support the local community.

b.. Those homegrown charitable activities in support of a broad base and large number of recipients (regardless of race, religion, sex, age) that fulfill a specific need not voluntarily created. i.e.. Disaster relief, the needy, abused children, etc. These will take specific approval of the Leadership Team before support can be committed.

Ministries of the LakeSide Fellowship UMC will be those that support through intent and action the fulfillment of the "great commission" and to provide opportunities to be disciples of our Lord and Savior. Ministries will meet two needs:

a.. One will include actions that meet the spiritual needs of the Church (members and non members). i.e. adult bible studies, fellowship activities, women's and men's groups, support that assist different constituencies within the body of LakeSide Fellowship Church (bereavement classes, blended family support, recovery classes).

b. The other group will be those that project our Christian love into the world community and do not directly assist the body of LakeSide Fellowship: UMCOR, Rescue Outreach Mission, Kids House, etc.

From time to time Ministries from other organizations can be approved by the LT for addition to the OfficialCalendar. These Ministries include those sanctioned by the UMC Conference, Promise Keepers, Women's Retreat, etc. Although people from our church may attend these events they are not a ministry of LakeSide Fellowship UMC and require no active support or financial commitment from our SMT or the tithe fund.

Procedure

Any group desiring to have a fundraiser at Lakeside Fellowship UMC shall follow this procedure:

1. Pitch the who, what, when, where, why, how details to the Leadership Team for approval using the "Project Planner" form available on the website.
2. If the LT approves, the Finance Team then must approve of the goals and amounts.
3. If the conditions of 1 and 2 are met, the group must then begin to follow our communications policies to be sure proper promotion of the event can be achieved.