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Fund Raising Policy

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Session's policy for fundraising and selling goods or services on campus is based on our theology of stewardship as our worship response to God's grace. For this reason, our annual stewardship campaign, as well as other voluntary opportunities to give in response to God's grace (One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking Offering, Christmas Eve Offering), have long been approved by Session.

Session's policy is also guided by our belief that organizations of the church should occasionally be permitted to raise funds or sell goods or services for special projects that further our theology or are not provided for in our church's budget. For example, books are available for sale each Sunday and flowers to be displayed in the sanctuary are available for purchase in advance of Easter and Christmas Eve.

Session's policy is also guided by our belief that fundraising and selling goods or services on our campus should be infrequent.

Goods or services may be offered for sale in Trinity court if they benefit a valid mission and ministry or a group of people who are the focus and benefactors of a valid mission and ministry. Although items for sale might be noted in bulletin announcements, they will generally not be announced during services in order to affirm our theology of stewardship as our worship response to God's grace. Those selling items must not do any more than passively respond to requests from behind an assigned table in Trinity court, and must not initiate or pursue sales in Trinity court or anywhere else on the church's campus. No sales in Trinity court are permitted without the approval of Session or its designated ministry area or program staff. These same rules apply to solicitation and/or collection of funds as part of any fundraising effort.

Session must approve any request to conduct fundraising or selling goods or services before the fundraising or sales activities take place. Session delegates this power to the overseeing ministry area and appropriate program staff in the case of requests to collect funds from program participants to cover the costs of participation in a church sponsored activity (such as costs of meals, curriculum materials, speaker fees, retreat costs), as well as in the case of requests to conduct fundraising or selling goods or services previously approved by Session.