

Richland Lutheran Church

FUNDING, MONEY GATHERING & MEMBERSHIP LISTS POLICY

OBJECTIVE

Funding of Richland Lutheran Church programs, as approved in the annual budget, is through the voluntary contributions in accordance with Biblical precedent and teaching, e.g. II Cor. 9:6-9.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Collection of these offerings will normally be made at regular worship services.

Funding of other groups or needs not previously included in the annual budget may also be made through contributions using specially designated envelopes. The Congregation Council must approve these requests before the Congregation is asked to support them.

FUNDRAISING

Although it is expected that the primary support of church activities is through the contributions, groups such as church ministry teams, groups, and committees, and church-related corporations such as Richland Lutheran Church Foundation and other non-RLC groups such as the Boy Scouts may engage in special fund-raising activities. These fund-raisers must meet the following criteria:

- The funds will be used to support activities in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Richland Lutheran Church.
- The fund-raising activity is in accordance with good stewardship and Christian witness. Gambling and betting raffles and other such activities are not permitted. Games involving prizes that do not require a monetary buy-in are allowed.
- Fund-raising activities using church facilities will not be done on Sundays, festival days, or at other times when there is a scheduled worship service or when they would conflict with other Richland Lutheran Church activities.
- Funds raised through special fund-raising activities are not to be used to support the regular operating budget of Richland Lutheran Church.
- Approval for each fund-raising activity must be obtained from the Council in advance.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Congregational membership lists shall not be released for commercial purposes. Understanding that there are organizations that carry on work which Richland Lutheran Church endorses,

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requests for approval for use of our mailing lists by such organizations could be considered on an individual basis through action of the Council.