

**POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC FUND RAISING  
STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
(Updated July 2012)**

This policy was developed and updated by the Finance Ministry of the State College Presbyterian Church to help guide persons who are planning fund raising events and solicitations. The purpose for this policy is to address concerns that multiple fund raising activities by various groups could negatively impact the overall Church stewardship campaign.

**Policy**

With the exception of the activities outlined below, all organization and individuals related to the church are required to obtain approval for fund raising activity from the church Finance Ministry before their activities are initiated. These requests should be made verbally or in writing before the annual budget is adopted or at a time during the fiscal year that is expedient in order for the activity to be advertised in advance. Fund raising proposals will be reviewed and considered by the Finance Ministry to avoid duplication and proliferation.

We will not approve any scheme that would put the church in the position of endorsing specific local merchants or shops. Nor will we approve fundraisers for particular people which are church sponsored. An individual may, at times, use the building for fundraising.

BECAUSE WE ARE A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES **MUST** BE SUGGESTED DONATION, AND NOT A FLAT CHARGE. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN ADVERTISING YOUR EVENT.

**Approved Annual Fund Raising Activities:**

1. Deacons:
  - One Great Hour of Sharing Auction
  - SERVV sale
  - Plate Offering (3 x year)
  - Deacons Envelopes
  - Children's Offering
  
2. Mission Ministry Unit:
  - Four (4) mission trips, one (1) fund raising event per trip
  - Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate Sales
  - CROP Walk

- Christmas in July
- Angel Tree
- 2 cents a meal

3. FISH:

- Annual cookie sale
- Spaghetti Dinner

4. Presbyterian Women:

- Strawberry Social - [congregational]
- Presbyterian Homes (spring and fall)
- Thank Offering [PW]
- Birthday Offering [PW]

5. Special Congregational Offerings:

- One Great Hour of Sharing (during Lent)
- Peacemaking (World Communion Sunday)
- Christmas Joy Offering (Advent)
- Pentecost Offering (Pentecost)

6. College Age:

- Souperbowl of Caring