

Fundraising Policy
Easley First United Methodist Church
Approved January 7, 2007 by Church Council

Overview:

The fundraising policy for Easley First United Methodist Church is intended to identify and define the types of fundraising activities and the approval process required to implement fundraising activities by various groups within the church's congregation.

General Requirements for an Approved Fundraising Activity:

The activity must:

- Embrace the mission of the church
- Facilitate spiritual growth and fellowship while enhancing stewardship for the participants
- Must have a specific, Christ-like objective that clearly demonstrates the practice of God's will to others
- Must not interfere with any regularly scheduled worship services, educational activities, or seasonal events conducted within the church
- The activity must have the appropriate supervision (designated by the church) in order to oversee the event ensuring that all activities comply to the safety requirements of the church along with minimizing any liability issues that could impact the creditability and financial status of the church

Classes of Fundraising -The following classes of Fundraising are defined as the basis for applying this policy:

- **Class 1** - Direct sale of items or services to the congregation by members of the congregation or conference
- **Class 2** - Direct sale of items or services to the congregation by commercial entities
- **Class 3** - Appeals for cash to support programs or activities associated with Church Council Ministry Areas
- **Class 4** - Events for which all or part of the congregation are requested to participate in and/or make a financial contribution
- **Class 5** - Conference askings
- **Class 6** - Annual stewardship drive to raise budget funding

Operating Policy: The Church Council (CC) has final approval of all fundraising on behalf of any and all activities associated with EFUMC. The attached matrix defines specific policy constraints that apply to each of the fundraising classes defined above.

Fundraiser Class	Action Required of Church Council	Action Required of Ministry Chair	Action Required by Originator
Class 1	Approve/Reject-if approved add to church calendar	Accept/Reject -if accepted present to CC at next meeting	Submit to Ministry Chair 8 weeks prior to publicity for event
Class 2	Approve/Reject-if approved add to church calendar	Present to CC at next meeting	Submit to Ministry Chair 12 weeks prior to publicity for event
Class 3	N/R	Accept/Reject - if accepted add to church calendar	Submit to Ministry Chair 4 weeks prior to publicity for event
Class 4	Approve/Reject-if approved add to church calendar	Accept/Reject -if accepted present to CC at next meeting	Submit to Ministry Chair 8 weeks prior to publicity for event
Class 5	N/R	Ministry Chair and Minister - Accept/Reject. If accepted add to church calendar	N/R
Class 6	Approve/Reject-if approved add to church calendar	Stewardship/Finance Chairs present program to CC for approval prior to initiating	N/R