

FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON
Policy for Ad hoc Fund Raising

(As approved by the First Parish Standing Committee on March 7, 2007.)

Rationale:

Groups within First Parish occasionally wish to raise money on behalf of the group or the whole church for special projects. While such initiatives are welcome, they must be governed so that the fund raising does not detract from major fundraising projects, such as Stewardship or Capital Campaigns. Thus, requests for gifts to fund these projects need prior approval if the target amount is beyond a certain limit.

A distinction is made between cash gifts and sales of goods and services. A request for a cash gift competes in kind with Stewardship giving, for example, in that it conjures up "I already gave." On the other hand a sale, such as a bake sale, means purchases in which value is received. Furthermore, a sale generally requires more participation by the group, which can have spiritual or educational benefits, as with a Church School project. Thus, projects to raise an amount of money through sale of goods or services are encouraged and the expected proceeds can fall within a higher limit than cash gifts without prior approval.

Policy:

A group wishing to raise money through cash donations must get prior approval from the Finance Committee if the target amount is more than \$500.

A group may raise money through the sale of goods and services if expected proceeds do not exceed \$1,000. If greater, prior approval must be obtained from the Finance Committee.