



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Host a fundraising event which involves selling items or services to raise money for your church's Friends of Creation challenge. Pick from one of the economy-themed ideas below or create your own! These ideas focus on creativity, resourcefulness, and supporting livelihoods—values that help communities adapt to a changing climate. Consider opening your event up to your whole community!

- **Handmade Market** - Host a pop-up market where congregation members can sell handmade crafts, baked goods, or art. Donate a portion (or all!) of the proceeds to your campaign.
- **Talent Swap Fundraiser** - Invite people to offer a simple skill or service—like babysitting, baking, or guitar lessons—and "raffle" off the time slots. Funds come from entry fees or bids!
- **Job Jar Draw** - Collect odd jobs or helpful tasks that volunteers are willing to do (like yard work or cleaning), and let donors buy tickets to win the help they need.
- **Upcycle Sale** - Encourage people to donate gently used home décor, clothing, or tools—and host a secondhand sale focused on reuse and sustainability.
- **Skill Share Workshop** - Host a mini workshop day where people can teach short skills (e.g. sewing, budgeting, composting). Ask for a donation to attend one or more sessions.
- **Youth Business Day** - Let youth groups run a small "business" for a day—like car washes, lemonade stands, or handmade card sales. They gain experience while raising money!

- **Silent Auction** - A classic fundraiser that pairs well with a meal or entertainment. Collect donated goods or services from your community and let guests bid quietly throughout the evening.
 - Choose a date, time, and promote the event.
 - Ask for donated items: e.g. lawn care, food baskets, gift cards, quilts, tickets.
 - Create bid sheets with item name, starting bid (if needed), and space for name, phone number, and bid.
 - Set up tables with the items and their bid sheets.
 - Guests browse and bid throughout the evening.
 - Give a 10- and 5-minute warning before closing the auction.
 - Announce winners and collect payment.
 - Distribute items and thank donors.
 - Share your success on your Friends of Creation poster or church bulletin!
- **Quarter Auction** - A fun, fast-paced event where guests bid using quarters instead of raising paddles. Great for a stand-alone evening of energy and excitement!
 - Follow the same item collection process as a silent auction.
 - Create numbered paddles and one Golden Paddle.
 - Sell paddles to guests (e.g. \$5 each).
 - Place all paddle numbers (plus the golden paddle token) in a bowl.
 - Assign each item a quarter value:
 - Up to \$25: 1 quarter
 - \$26-50: 2 quarters
 - \$51-75: 3 quarters
 - \$76+: 4 quarters
 - To bid, guests put quarters in their bowl and raise their paddle.
 - Draw a paddle number—if that person bid, they win! If not, draw again.
 - The first item is a 4-quarter bid for the Golden Paddle, which allows the winner to bid on all future items.
 - Runners collect quarters after each round.
 - Thank participants and announce your total funds raised!