



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 food-themed options below or get creative and design your own. These ideas focus on nourishment, sustainability, and shared abundance—key parts of a just food system. Consider opening your event up to your whole community!

- **Sundae Sunday** - Create a sundae bar after church on Sunday and charge a fee or collect donations. Offer a build-your-own option with toppings, or invite people to bring homemade sauces to share!
- **Garden Produce Sale** - Sell fruits, vegetables, or herbs grown by parishioners or partner with a local farm. This is a great way to promote local food and support sustainable growing practices.
- **Food Truck Rally** - Invite local food trucks to gather in your church parking lot or neighbourhood green space. Charge a flat fee to the trucks to participate, or ask them to donate a portion of proceeds.
- **Meal at Church** - Host a meal such as a spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, or soup and bread lunch. Ask for a set donation per plate, or offer meals by donation.
- **Bake Sale or Pie/Cake Auction** - Invite bakers in your congregation to donate their favourite treats for sale—or auction off whole pies or cakes to the highest bidder.
- **100-Mile Meal** - Host a dinner made entirely from ingredients sourced within 100 miles. Include table signs explaining where the ingredients came from and how local food supports the climate.
- **Meatless Mondays Campaign** - Encourage congregation members to go vegetarian one day a week for a month. Provide meat-free recipes and invite people to donate based on the number of weeks they participate.

- **Zero-Waste Kitchen Challenge** - Invite your community to join a week-long challenge to reduce food waste—and raise funds while doing it! Much of the food we throw away could have been eaten, shared, or composted. A zero-waste challenge helps participants rethink their habits while supporting climate-friendly food systems. Here's how to do it:
 - Set the dates for your challenge. A one-week goal is great for starting out.
 - Create a pledge form. Participants commit to simple changes, like using leftovers, planning meals, or composting scraps.
 - Encourage donations. People can donate a set amount to join the challenge, or gather sponsors (like a walk-a-thon!).
 - Provide a toolkit. Include waste-reducing tips, meal planners, and fun facts about food and climate.
 - Share your success. Post photos, quotes, or reflections from participants on your bulletin board, newsletter, or social media.
 - Optional ideas:
 - Give small prizes for “most creative leftover recipe” or “best use of vegetable scraps.”
 - Partner with a local composting program or invite a guest speaker to talk about sustainable eating.
- **Heirloom Recipe Fundraiser** - Celebrate food, memory, and sustainability with a community recipe project. Food connects us to our past and helps us imagine a better future. Invite your congregation to submit their favourite family or cultural recipes—especially ones that highlight seasonal, local, or plant-based ingredients. Then, turn those into a recipe booklet to sell in support of your Friends of Creation fundraiser. Steps to make it happen:
 - Collect recipes from church members and community friends. Add short stories or photos if people want to share.
 - Design your booklet. It can be digital (PDF), printed in-house, or printed professionally depending on your budget.

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- Include a climate-friendly focus. Add tips about reducing food waste, cooking with less meat, or gardening basics.
- Sell your booklet. Offer it after church, at events, or online with suggested donation amounts.
- Spread the word! Let people know their contribution supports your church's Lake Chad fundraiser and builds community at the same time.
- Optional additions:
 - Host a recipe “launch” event where contributors bring samples to share.
 - Offer recipe cards or bookmarks with food justice facts or Bible verses about sharing and abundance.