



# FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Host a fundraising event which brings people together to raise money for your church's Friends of Creation challenge. Pick from one of the peace-themed ideas below or come up with your own! These ideas focus on connection, creativity, and community—key ingredients for building peace. Consider inviting your whole neighbourhood to join in!

- **Talent Show** - Bring your community together for a night of creativity and connection! Peace begins when we get to know each other—and a talent show is a fun and meaningful way to do just that. Invite people of all ages to share a skill, song, story, or performance while raising funds for your Lake Chad fundraiser. Follow these steps to plan your event:
  - Choose a date and location. Decide whether you'll charge admission or collect donations at the door.
  - Set your fundraising goal. Consider how you'll track and display your progress.
  - Promote your event. Create posters or social media posts using the Friends of Creation logo (downloadable from CLWR).
  - Invite participants. Make a sign-up sheet and encourage a variety of talents!
  - Find an MC. Choose someone to guide the evening and bring energy to the show.
  - Plan for tech. Will you need a microphone, speakers, or a projector? Borrow or rent what's needed.
  - Recruit a tech helper. Make sure someone is available to run your sound or visuals.

- Prepare for admission. Have volunteers ready to manage tickets or donation tables.
- Host your event and enjoy! Celebrate the many gifts in your community and the spirit of peace.
- Thank your supporters. Share your success and update your Friends of Creation fundraising poster or website!
- Optional ideas:
  - Add snacks or refreshments—offered for free or by donation.
  - Make it a dinner theatre! Host a meal and follow it with performances.
- **Peace Path: A Walk for Connection** - Host a short, reflective community walk to raise funds and spread awareness. Peace is more than the absence of conflict—it's about taking steps toward understanding, justice, and connection. A “Peace Path” invites people to walk together through a route that includes peaceful prompts or stations for reflection. Here's how to host one:
  - Pick a date and a walk route. Use your church grounds, a nearby trail, or a loop in your neighbourhood.
  - Create simple reflection stations. Place signs or posters with quotes, Bible verses (e.g. Matthew 5:9), or questions like:
    - *What does peace look like in your home?*
    - *Who in your life has taught you about peace?*
    - *How can we bring peace to the world?*
  - Invite participants to walk at their own pace. This can be silent, guided, or accompanied by soft music.
  - Encourage donations. Ask walkers to donate a small amount to participate, or collect freewill offerings.
  - Offer a take-home token. Something small, like a peace prayer card or origami dove, can help people remember the experience.
  - Optional additions:
    - Add a group prayer or moment of silence at the beginning or end.
    - Involve kids by inviting them to draw peace symbols for the walk.