



# First Unitarian Society of Ithaca

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## Fundraising and Financial Donation Policies

All members and friends of the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca are encouraged to raise funds and should be aware of the following re-established rules which are based on our dedication to the democratic process for the distribution of funds;

1. All Councils, Committees and Programs funded within the annual budget are not permitted to perform targeted fundraising on their own behalf.
2. Councils, Committees and Programs may fund raise for an outside organization, e.g. collecting money for Babies First.
3. All proposals for fundraising need to be brought to the Finance Committee to determine if they are internal or external.
4. All monies raised through internal fundraising will flow through the general fund with no specific allotment to a church program.

All members and friends are encouraged to make donations to the First Unitarian Society's Endowment Fund. All non-targeted funds will be applied to the general operating budget. If a donor wishes to target their donation, the Endowment Committee will decide whether the conditions on the donation are consistent with the church's mission and goals, and if so, it will be placed in the Endowment Fund and the interest applied to either the general fund or the target usage specified by the donor.

The following is an exception to this Policy - the various Youth Programs overseen by the RE Council can raise targeted funds to be specifically added to their budget line for special events - e.g. a special project, and/or a special trip - that the Youth may seek to undertake in any given year.