

Fundraising with Fellowship & Worship Activities

Fundraising within a faith community goes beyond simply raising money; it is an opportunity to embody our values, come together with a shared purpose and create a meaningful impact in the world.

When we give, we put our faith into action, demonstrating compassion, generosity and love for our neighbors.

Supporting Episcopal Relief & Development through a special event such as an Alternative Gift Market, Dedicated Offering or Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday is a great way to bring your faith community together and provide people with an opportunity to connect more deeply with our mission.

All ages can participate in praying, “shopping” and giving for friends near and far. The more creative your team can be with these opportunities, the more engaging the learning and fellowship can be.

Alternative Gift Market

An [Alternative Gift Market](#) is a meaningful way to give a gift that inspires transformation.

It’s a festive event where members of your community can “shop” for goats, bees and all kinds of gifts that help people in need around the world. Purchasing gifts in honor of friends, family, colleagues and community helpers becomes a welcome alternative for gift exchanges.

Consider hosting the Market on its own or combined with a church picnic, outreach fair, holiday bazaar, at the end of a Vacation Bible School celebration or even at your annual meeting.

What better way to celebrate loved ones than with gifts that reflect our faith, compassion and hope for a better world?

Here are a few creative ideas and resources to get you started:

- [How to Hold an Alternative Gift Market](#)
- [Materials and Resources for the Alternative Gift Market](#)

Dedicated Offering

Ask them to consider dedicating special community offerings to support the mission and ministry of Episcopal Relief & Development.

When disaster strikes, make certain your congregation knows about our prayers for inclusion in their worship leaflets and our bulletin [inserts](#) and encourage them to use these resources. You might also suggest they host a special outreach service or designate Pentecost Sunday as a way to celebrate the church's birthday with a gift to Episcopal Relief & Development. Other ideas include a special collection honoring a member of your community, thanking their teachers or staff or identifying parishioners who may choose to observe milestones like baptism, anniversaries or memorials with gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development.

Share with them the beautiful bulletin inserts, informational pamphlets and donation envelopes we provide, which help them share the good work of Episcopal Relief & Development and the opportunity to give. They are available for free from Forward Movement on their [website](#).

These resources are another easy way for them to educate and inspire generosity by highlighting the powerful, life-changing work their gifts make possible.

Honor and Memorial Gifts – Gifts That Save Lives and Transform Communities

Looking for ways to celebrate or remember loved ones? Our Honor and Memorial Gift Program is another wonderful and easy way for individuals to commemorate significant milestones such as birthdays, holidays and anniversaries.

At your request, Episcopal Relief & Development will send a printed card to your honoree or the family of the memorial gift recipient indicating that a gift has been made in the individual's honor or memory. Attractive eCards are offered on our website as another option when you make your donation. More information can be found on our website [here](#).