

Governance Policy for Fundraising by Primary Organizational Partners:  
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The Synod Council carries responsibility for giving or withholding permission to other organizations to conduct development and fundraising activities within congregations. Direct permission for fundraising resides with the local congregation council. Permission from the synod council merely allows organizations to approach congregations with a request to solicit contributions.

Due to changing conditions in the financial climate of the Church, many organizations and partners seek permission to approach congregations about building a donor relationship with the congregation or its members. For the council to act individually on each request may not be practical given the infrequency of Synod Council meetings.

The Synod Council regards some organizational relationships as Primary Organizational Partnerships. These partnerships are defined as:

- An agency, institution, or organization directly affiliated with the ELCA
- An agency, institution or organization perceived as a direct extension of the primary mission of the Church to bear witness to the love and power of Jesus Christ
- An agency, institution or organization designated by vote of the Synod Council as a Primary Organizational Partner

All other organizations seeking permission to approach congregations for fundraising activity must obtain that permission from the Synod Council on a case by case basis.

The list of approved Primary Organizational Partners, as of June, 2011 shall be:

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
- The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois
- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
- Lutherdale Camp
- Bethel New Life
- Holy Family Ministries
- Concordia Place
- Refugee ONE (LIRS)