

110 YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING IDEAS

1 ONLINE FUNDRAISING

Sign up on an online fundraising website. Numerous sites allow potential donors to conveniently contribute to your cause.

2 T-SHIRT SALE

Design a t-shirt and host a sale for your friends, family, and members of your church community.

3 MOVIE NIGHT

Host a movie night at your church and encourage admission by donation.

4 UTILIZE SOCIAL SITES

Online social media and blog sites are great ways to not only increase awareness of your efforts, but also many of these outlets provide their own ways to raise funds or contribute to your cause.

5 PARTNER WITH A RESTAURANT

Many local restaurants offer fundraising opportunities, with a portion of the sales going to your cause.

6 GARAGE SALE

Ask friends, family members, and members of your church community to donate items and host a garage sale.

7 HOLD A COMPETITION

Sporting events are great ways to get the community and youth involved in an exciting way. Small prizes for the winners can foster the competitive spirit.

8 CAR WASH

Get permission to host your car wash in a safe, moderately trafficked area. Buy supplies and make signs to promote the event.

9 WALL OF GIVING

Using index cards, fill a wall with numbered cards for people to select and donate the amount from the card.

10 WRAP CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

During the Christmas season, some stores will allow you to set up a gift-wrapping table by donation.

11 LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

Contact local businesses and ask permission to set up a change collection jar near the checkout area.

12 HOST A PARTY

Themed parties are a fun way to attract large audiences. An entrance fee is all you would need to aid in your fundraising goals.

13 SILENT AUCTION

Ask members of your church community or local business to donate items to be auctioned off. Each item has a sign-up sheet, where bidders walk up and place their bids on the sheets.

14 SUPPORT LETTER

Writing a letter asking for support is a classic fundraising idea. Be sure to answer the 5 most important questions: who, what, when, where, and why.

15 PARTNER WITH OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Animal shelters, fire departments, your local YMCA, and other local organizations are often good places to coordinate fundraising efforts with.

16 COFFEE HOUSE

Host a coffee house in your church, or pair with a local coffee house to have part of the proceeds go to your fundraiser.

17 VALENTINES DINNER

Host a Valentine's dinner open to members of the community and charge an admission fee.

18 SPAGHETTI DINNER

Who doesn't love spaghetti? Hosting a spaghetti dinner is a great way to raise money, as well as providing a meal for the community.

19 RECYCLE

Set up bags for collecting cans and bottles at your church, school, or sporting events. Take the recycled items to a center and collect the refund.

20 HOST A CHARITY CONCERT

Find a talented band or bands that are willing to play for free or cheap and host a charity concert. Charge an admission fee and sell concessions during the event.

21 CUT-A-THON

If you know any hairdressers, hosting a cut-a-thon is a great way to raise funds. Ask him or her to donate a day to volunteering to cut hair for donations.

23 SERVICE BOARD DAY

Create a service board, where church members can post jobs they need done, with the price they are willing to pay. Other church members can then select and complete the jobs, with the proceeds going to your fundraiser.

22 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Host a pancake breakfast at your church for the community to come to, and have the funds contribute to your cause.

24 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Host a dodgeball tournament with a small fee, and have your youth students invite their friends to it, for an enjoyable and exciting activity.

25 TALENT SHOW

Encourage the members of your church to come forward with their various talents, and put on a show for the community to raise funds.

26 5K RUN

5K Runs and Fun Walks are great ways to raise money for your cause while also encouraging the church body and local community to stay active.

27 CHILI COOKOFF

Host a chili cookoff, with members of your congregation competing for the title of best chili chef! Make sure they cook extra, as the remaining chili can be sold off for more proceeds.



28 MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

Have your youth students put on a performance, while hosting a dinner for the guests. The dinner-and-a-show combination can even double as a great outreach to your community.

29 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Have a tree-lighting event at Christmastime, with a by-donation entrance fee.

30 CRAFT SALE

Every community has their fair share of craftsmen! Have members of your church body put on a craft show, with the proceeds from the items sold going to your cause.

31 TRIVIA NIGHT

Host a trivia night at your church, with snacks and refreshments. It can be Bible trivia, general trivia, or whatever category of trivia you prefer! A small entrance fee and charges for refreshments could make a very successful night.

32 BOOK SALE

Ask members of your congregation to donate books and then host a book sale, open to the community, at your church.

33 KARAOKE NIGHT

Host a karaoke night at your church and charge an admission fee or ask for a donation. This is a great event to pair with a raffle.

34 ENVELOPE FUNDRAISING

Set up a display of envelopes numbered 1 – 100. People choose an envelope and put that amount of money into the envelope.

35 LEMONADE STAND

Set up some lemonade stands in your local community for those hot summer days, with youth members rotating shifts. Encourage homemade lemonade for a more meaningful experience.

36 CAROL SING

Have your church choir, youth worship band, or various church members organize a caroling group around Christmastime, and carol through your local community. Ask for a small donation after each house you stop at.

37 RECIPE BOOK SALE

Collect a list of recipes from friends, family members, and your congregation. Compile the list into a recipe book and sell to members of your community.

38 SUB SALE

Hosting a sub sale is a great idea for around the Super Bowl! Take orders from members of your congregation and your group can make and deliver pre-ordered subs.

39 THANKSGIVING DINNER

Host a Thanksgiving dinner open to members of the community and charge an admission fee.

40 RAKE LEAVES

When fall comes around, offer to rake leaves for local homes, and contribute the proceeds to your fundraiser.

41 WORK FOR IT!

Have youth members look for part-time or full-time employment, with part of their wages going towards the outreach.



42 ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

Host an ice-cream social at your church, with a small entrance fee.

43 MOW LAWNS

Offer to mow local properties in the spring and summer to raise funds.

44 GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Host a raffle, with the prizes being gift cards to local establishments.

45 PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Parents can drop their kids off at the church for a night out. The mission's team members plan activities and snacks for the kids. Participation in this night can either be donation based or an amount per child.

46 ONLINE SHOPPING FUNDRAISER

Consider using an online shopping fundraiser. Certain sites will offer deals and bargains for online shoppers, with a percentage of sales going to your cause.

47 DOG WALKING

Have youth members offer to walk dogs in your area, and contribute the proceeds to your cause.

48 FUN FAIR

Host a fun fair, with food, drinks, stands, and games! Advertise through your local community, and use it as a local outreach.

49 PLEDGE A MILE

Divide the cost of your missions trip by the number of miles to your destination, and have church and community members pledge to buy a length of the trip.

50 SPORTS CONCESSION STAND

Ask to set up a concession stand at your local high school, college, or professional sporting events, and contribute part of the proceeds to your cause.

51 WALK-A-THON

Host a walk-a-thon, with participants raising funds based on how many laps/miles they walk. This is another great way to help the community remain active.

52 BINGO NIGHT

Host a bingo night, with fun prizes for whoever the winners are.

53 LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORS

Ask local businesses to sponsor your trip or contribute to your cause.

54 DATE AUCTION

Come up with fun date ideas, and raffle off tickets for complete date packages.

55 COOKIE SALE

Have your church members bake assorted types of cookies, and host a cookie sale. This is a particularly effective idea around the holidays!

56 ERRAND RUNNING

Offer to run errands for local citizens, particularly the elderly and handicapped, and use the proceeds to fund your trips.

57 50/50 RAFFLE

During a church event, have members of the mission team go around and sell raffle tickets. At the conclusion, 50% of the proceeds go to the raffle winner and 50% goes towards your mission trip.



58 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Host a softball tournament within the community, with a small entrance fee for each participant, or a larger fee for teams. Reward the winners with a prize, such as a trophy or medals commemorating the event.

59 COMEDY NIGHT

Put on a comedy night, and invite local, family-friendly comics. Budding comics get their name out there, you raise funds for your cause, and the community has a good laugh. It's a triple win!

60 COOKIE DOUGH

Purchase different cookie doughs from a wholesale cookie supplier, and resell them to the community.

61 CHAIN OF HEARTS

Create paper hearts, and have local businesses and patrons purchase paper hearts, then link them all together in a chain of hearts.

62 SHOE DRIVE

Have community church members donate their old or used shoes, which can then be turned into various charity organizations that will offer monetary compensation.

63 CHARITY AUCTION

Have community and church members clean out their houses, and auction off whatever antique or useful items they no longer need. This can also serve to help with some good spring cleaning!

64 CANDYGRAMS

Sell candies with personalized messages on them. The patron buys a piece of candy, and writes their own message on it, and then it is delivered to their intended recipient. These work great around Valentine's Day, or at other sports or performance events.

65 BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Host a Battle of the Bands, and have local bands and music groups come and perform. Charge an entrance fee, and have prizes for the winner.

67 BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE RAFFLE

Purchase premier seats to a sports game, concert, or other event, and raffle them off to the highest bidder. Be smart about it though, because if things don't go right, you might spend more than you earn.

66 GROCERY DELIVERY

Offer to deliver groceries within your local community. Collect a delivery donation, and contribute it to your fundraising efforts.

68 CHICKEN SALE

Hosting a chicken dinner sale is a fun way to raise funds that also benefits the community. Patrons can either purchase and eat the dinner there, or take it home as an easy family meal.

69 BALLOON RAFFLE

Balloon raffles work similarly to any other raffle, except the tickets are in a balloon. This adds to the excitement, by participants getting the enjoyment of popping balloons to get to their tickets!

70 PEER-TO-PEER FUNDRAISING

Current donors can be asked to become fundraisers of their own, and can reach out to their clientele that you would not normally have access to, increasing your fundraising base.



71**ORNAMENT AUCTION**

Host an ornament auction around Christmastime to help raise fund. Both commercial and handmade ornaments can be sold for a fun and interesting touch.

72**KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**

Host a kickball tournament. Charge an entry fee, and have a fun reward for the winning team, like cheap, affordable medals or a coupon to a local ice cream establishment.

73**PIE IN THE FACE**

There are two ways of doing this. Either sell raffle tickets for a lucky church member to have the opportunity to pie a certain church leader in the face, or have jars for multiple church leaders for people to place money in, and at the end, whoever has the most money in their jar gets pied in the face. Either way, it's sure to garner a laugh!

74**CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERY OR REMOVAL**

Many people hate the hassle of picking up or removing a Christmas tree, and some are unable to do this. Make it easier for them by offering to deliver and remove Christmas trees for them, on a by-donation basis.

75**POLAR PLUNGE**

Sponsor a polar plunge, with participants raising funds to participate, and the total funds raised can be added to your missions fund.

76**CHRISTMAS LIGHT REMOVAL**

Everyone hates taking down Christmas decorations, so help them out by offering to take down Christmas lights. They'll be so delighted, they won't even mind paying!

77**COLOR RUN**

A color run is a fun alternative to a 5K. Participants register like a normal 5K, but get bombarded with a fun array of different colored powder as they run.

78**COOKING CLASS**

Host a cooking class for the community. Students can pay an entry fee, and church members can offer different classes based on their expertise.

79**INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**

Host an international food day. Community members from different cultures, or with an interest in particular cultures, can cook a meal of their choice from that culture, and everyone can get a small taste of the world, for a small fee.

80**TEXT-TO-DONATE**

Use a mobile payment option to allow church members to donate to your cause through their phones.

81**DOG WASH**

Offer to wash dogs in your neighborhood as a fun way to earn extra funds for your cause.

82**FAMILY PICTURE DAY**

Offer a family picture day for the community. Charge a small fee for family portraits, or consider a by-donation fee.

83**FACE PAINTING**

If a full-scale carnival is too much for your area, set up a face painting event instead. It can cut back on numerous logistical concerns, while still being a fun event.

84**FLOWER SALE**

Sell Easter Lilies, or another flower to fit the season, in memory of loved ones. The flowers can be used to decorate the sanctuary and then those who purchased them can take them home.



85 GUESSING GAMES

Guessing games are a good way to raise money. Fill a container with a large quantity of some item, and have participants pay a small fee to guess the quantity. The person with the closest guess can win a prize, perhaps even the contents of the container!

86 GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING

During Christmastime, a gingerbread house making event can be a fun way to raise funds. A small entrance donation is all that would be required. Consider offering awards for sturdiest house, most popular design, most unique, or other categories.

87 IRONMAN CONTEST

A fun twist on the usual name, have members of the congregation compete to see who can iron as many shirts as possible in a given timeframe. Audience members can pledge to give donate based on the number of shirts ironed.

88 PLEDGE A DAY

Similar to the Pledge a Mile idea, divide your missions trip cost by the total number of days the trip will last, and encourage individuals or groups to sponsor an entire day of your trip.

89 DOOR-TO-DOOR CAR WASH

Go door-to-door throughout your neighborhood offering to wash neighbors' cars. Then, collect a small donation for their gratitude.

90 POSTERS

Hang posters for your cause in windows of businesses, with a small jar below it for donations. Interested passersby can then donate to your cause.

91 CORPORATE SUPPORT

Ask larger corporations near your church to partner with you and increase your fundraising efforts. It can help to get your name out there, and larger businesses will enjoy the tax breaks they can earn from it.

92 BABY PICTURE CONTEST

Collect baby photos from the congregation, and place them randomly on a board with corresponding adult pictures. Have church members pay a small donation to guess whose baby picture goes with whom!

93 500 DOLLAR WHEELBARROW

Have a church member donate an old wheelbarrow, and invite the congregation and community to donate their pennies and other loose change. If you fill the wheelbarrow, it will amount to a few hundred dollars for your cause!

94 PUMPKIN CARVING

A pumpkin carving event would be an exciting fundraiser during the fall and around Halloween. Ask for a donation in exchange for a pumpkin and tools, and watch families and friends carve cool designs together. At the end of it, participants can either keep their pumpkins, or raffle them off to raise even more funds.

95 DRIVE IN MOVIE

Host a drive-in movie night at your church, with the film projected on the side of the building. Ask for donations only, so as not to violate copyright laws.

96 EASTER EGG HUNT

Host an Easter egg hunt at your church around Eastertime, with a requested donation per participant. You could even pair this with an Easter-themed craft sale.



97 TASK TICKETS
Sell tickets redeemable for random tasks that need to be done around the house or yard. Community and church members can buy the tickets, and then redeem them from local youth members.

98 55+ PARTY
Host a party for the senior citizens within your congregation. Have a dinner, games to play, and a reasonable entry fee.

99 CHURCH TELETHON
Call all of your church members, tell them about your missions trip, and ask for assistance in any way they can.

100 CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE
Set up a mailbox in the church at Christmastime, and have church members drop the Christmas cards they would normally mail within the area in the box. The cost to mail the card is given to the fundraiser, and youth members can then deliver the mail instead.

101 CARHOP GRILL
Have a car-based grill in your church parking lot. Youth members can take orders from and deliver food to the car windows of the patrons.

102 DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR
Ask your church treasury or a local, supportive business to match whatever funds you raise dollar for dollar, to quickly double your fundraising efforts.

103 EASTER BASKETS
Create festive Easter baskets filled with plastic eggs, decorations, and baked goods that can either be sold or auctioned off.

104 CHRISTMAS BASKETS
Similar to the Easter baskets, create Christmas baskets with cookies, ornaments, and other fun treats, that can also be sold as is, or bid on at a yearly auction.

105 MATCHING FUNDS
Similar to the Dollar for Dollar initiative, offer “tiers” of matching, where community members can pledge to match a certain amount of money within their price range.

106 GALA
Hosting a gala is a fun way for community and church members to feel like the height of society for an evening. Sell tickets, and be sure to have a main event, such as dancing, a silent auction, or entertainment.

107 TOY BOX AUCTION
Ask your church body to donate whatever remaining children’s toys they have, which can then be auctioned off. Whatever does not sell can always be donated to charity.

108 PIZZA PARTY
Ask for pizza donations, or consider making your own pizzas, and then offer the pizzas for sale by the slice within your congregation, as a giant pizza party.

109 SCRAP METAL
Collect scrap metal from the congregation or from around town, and take it to a local scrap yard to turn in for money, which can be added to your funds.

110 FACEBOOK GROUPS
Start Facebook groups for your different fundraising operations, and link places that people can contribute to your cause to the page.

