

Some Fund Raising Ideas For Iraqi Medical Relief Project

Ask! Whole congregations, consistories, church councils, mission boards/committees, Sunday Schools, Ladies Aids, and individuals—just ask groups and people to support this appeal.

Promote! Use the pulpit, the coffee cup, the newsletter, the offering plate, a special mailing, the local newspaper, and your barber or beautician.

Consider this a possible special project under the “Let Your Light Shine” theme of our denominations 50th year celebration. Hold a Pot Luck or an ice cream social; show a film about the history of the UCC; watch a part of General Synod on streaming video; present this appeal; take up a collection.

Hold a simulated disaster. Let ambulance-looking vans pick up “injured” people. Treat and hold them at a “clinic” run by local doctors, nurses, paramedics, and Red Cross volunteers. Administer coffee, juice, and donuts. After they call in “blood donors” to make pledges and pay their own clinic bill take them back to their work places and homes. Give each a band-aid lapel pin marked “Iraqi Relief Fund”

Hold a crutch-a-thon, or a wheel chair thon.

Sponsor a “green bandage roll.” Ask the youth group to each roll up a dollar on a pencil and then go among friends and neighbors to add to their roll. The one with the biggest roll in value, wins. Perhaps the winner might receive a model ambulance trophy. All participants receive a printed arm sling made out of old bed sheets. These can also be used as a Muslim head scarf for girls, a due rag for motorcyclist, a neckerchief for scouts.

Ask individuals to give. Thank those who do!

However you raise the money, have your local church treasurer post it to the total benevolences received and send a check payable to the Southwest Wisconsin Association marked “Iraqi Relief Fund” to:

**Ms. Sally Iverson, treasurer
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2401 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704**