

Fund-Raising Principles

Camp Sagitawa

1. This ministry belongs to God. The eternal changes brought about are solely due to him. He has used many people over the years to establish and maintain this ministry but it has never belonged, and will never belong to the society board or the on-site staff. We are merely fellow servants in the work of the Kingdom.
2. The Lord has apparently chosen to place His approval on the ministry of Camp Sagitawa, not because of anything we have done but because of His mercy; therefore, we will devote every ounce of effort to the task given to us until, either Jesus returns or He chooses to close this ministry.
3. The Lord provides for this, His ministry primarily through His people; therefore, we will make our needs/obligations known to our membership and constituency. We will never resort to what we consider disrespectful or dishonorable methods of fund-raising even if the needs are serious.
4. Sagitawa, as a mission with its base directly in the local church, relies extensively on the churches (through their budgets) and the individuals in the congregations to fulfill its obligations.
5. We will also seek contributions from other interested parties.
6. We will not operate this ministry in an ongoing deficit. All capital projects will only be undertaken as the finances are supplied. Only interest-free loans will be sought, with the exception of the standing "line of credit" if it is needed for short-term operations, and all loans will be repaid as soon as possible.
7. We realize that the contributions received are from the Lord. Our obligation therefore, is to spend that money conservatively and wisely as the board determines the Lord's will in continuing and furthering this ministry.
8. We do not intend to use vendor's money and will pay invoices within 30 days wherever possible.
9. We will not try to raise funds we do not need.
10. We will never sell, rent or loan our mailing lists to those who wish to use the names and addresses of our supporters.
11. We will conform to the standards established by the Canadian Council of Christian Charities - the national organization created to assure ethical financial practices.
12. In summary integrity will govern all aspects of financial practices.