

Social Concerns Guidelines for In-Kind Collections

The Social Concerns Committee recommends the following guidelines for items collected by members and groups within Trinity Lutheran Church for use by community organizations.

- In-kind collections are a way for Trinity to minister to others in need with our “First Fruits” and are not intended to be a way to recycle old or unwanted items or to raise money through resale.
- In addition collections should be viewed as an additional way to increase the congregation’s awareness of an organization and its mission.
- Items should be collected for use by an organization’s beneficiaries and not simply a recycling activity.
- Collections should be for a specified period of time (a day or a month) and not run continuously.
- Collections should be accompanied by sufficient publicity in the newsletter and service folder as well as posters, temple talks and labeled collection containers.
- Collections should focus on existing Trinity benevolence organizations such as Holy Family School, Interfaith Action, Elijah’s Pantry, the Infant Welfare Society and Habitat for Humanity and not just associated with an individual’s personal outside interests.
- Collections should be coordinated in time with other Trinity activities such as Mission Possible, Soup Kitchens and hunger walks.

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