

Explanations of Offering Causes

First Church Ministries

Vision (General Fund) - This fund includes many items such as salaries, operating expenses, and covenant education.

Building Fund - This fund will be used for our future building projects.

Deacon Fund - Helps members of our congregation and community who are in need.

Deacon Fund - Adoption Fund - Provides assistance to members interested in adopting.

GEMS - A relationship-building program available to girls in grades 3 - 6 that includes badges, Bible lessons and crafts.

Cadets - For boys in grades 3 thru 6 from our church and community that includes badges and Bible lessons.

theROCK - Jr. High - For youth in grades 7-8. Includes faith lessons and fun!

theSUMMIT - Sr. High - For youth in grades 9-12. Includes faith lessons, service projects and fun!

Young Adults - For young adults (20-somethings). Includes faith lessons, prayer, food, and games.

Hi-Camp Scholarship - Provides assistance to members of our youth group in attending Hi-Camp at Mt. Hermon.

Short Term Missions Fund - Provides assistance to members from our congregation seeking to go on short term mission trips. This fund will be used to support on-going mission trips as well as new opportunities.

First Church Missions / Supported Ministries

Bonhams - MTW - Nate and Nikki are missionaries in Medellin, Colombia who work with Mission to the World.

Newkirks – MTW – Matt and Caroline serve with Christ Bible Seminary in Nagoya, Japan.

Seminario Biblico Reformado - Peru - Reformed Bible Seminary - Striving to make seminary-level education and training available to current and future church leadership.

Coluccias - MTW - Vincenzo and Judit are missionaries in Lece, Italy who work with Mission to the World.

Mesfin - e3 - Mesfin & Tigist Woldetsadik are missionaries working in Ethiopia.

e3 Administrative Fund – Used to cover administrative costs for e3.

Dale DW - Teaching in Middle East - Dale is currently teaching in the Middle East.

Advinculas - The Flying H Ranch - Richard and Tricia Advincula run The Flying H Youth Ranch in Naches, Washington. It is a Christian residential program for troubled teenage boys who are struggling within their families.

Agape International Missions – Classroom (AIM) – Support of a classroom in a school located in the center of Svay Pak, Cambodia, which provides high quality education to kids in the community who are vulnerable to exploitation.

Mission India – Mission India is making disciples to transform India for Christ. They do this by equipping India's Christians to share their faith, mentor new disciples, and plant reproducing churches.

99 Farmers – A ministry for training and discipling farmers and their communities in the rural areas of Honduras.

All Saints Reformed Church (Ben Kappers) – A PCA church located in St. George, Utah.

Kid's Table Ethiopia – A breakfast program in Ethiopia that feeds children in need.

Dordt University - Located in Sioux Center, Iowa, Dordt is designed to give each student a complete liberal arts education from a solid Reformed Christian perspective.

Community Ministries

Interfaith Ministries - Located in Ripon, this agency provides food and clothing to individuals in need.

Stockton Gospel Center - This mission provides meals, emergency shelter, and transitional housing for families and homeless people.

New Hope Family Shelter - Works to end domestic violence by helping people live safer lives and to make our community stronger by helping families become stronger by offering a variety of individual and family support services through six complementary programs.

Sierra Salem (Modesto) - *Sierra Salem Christian Homes* has successfully shown Christ's love to those with developmental disabilities by providing quality group residences in Modesto.

Bethany Home – A Christian facility for seniors located in Ripon.

Ripon Christian Foundation Fund – Receives gifts that may be needed in the future years for various projects.

Ripon Christian General Fund – Used to defray operational expenses at Ripon Christian Schools.

Modesto Pregnancy Center - Offers free peer counseling, pregnancy and parenting classes, sonograms, pregnancy verification with a Christian physician, and STD testing for women and men.

Modesto Gospel Mission - Provides shelter, clothing, meals, Bible studies, life skills classes, GED and adult high school classes, employment assistance, addiction recovery, medical assistance, and more.

The Redwood Family Center - A faith based clean and sober living environment for women and women with children located in Modesto.

Institute for Principle Studies – A Christian discipleship ministry dedicated to teaching the Biblical case for the proper role of government.

Other Ministries

Gideons - The primary function of the Gideons is to place and distribute Bibles.

Luke Society - An interdenominational organization dedicated to medical missions with a focus on community health – teaching people how to prevent disease and equipping people to care for themselves, their families and their communities.

Crossroads Prison Ministries – A prison ministry in North America that helps incarcerated persons grow dramatically in a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, preparing them for and assisting them in successful reentry upon release.

Harvest USA - Partners with and equips the Church in bringing the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of those affected by sexual sin.

Wycliffe Associates - Wycliffe Associates accelerates Bible translation around the world by empowering national translators and equipping the local church to translate God's Word into every language by 2025.

Word and Deed - A Reformed Christian ministry that works with local churches, missionaries, and other local Christian partners to address the needs of both the body and soul of those they work with in the developing world.

Calvinist Cadet Corp (National) – Youth ministry organization that provides churches with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys in their church and community.

GEMS Girls' Club (National) – Youth ministry organization that provides churches with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with girls in their church and community.

Love Our Cities, Comfort Kits - Hundreds of children in our area enter foster care every year with nothing or with just a few items in a garbage bag. This program believes in the power of showing love to these kids during this scary time by offering a comfort kit filled with items to meet both physical and emotional needs during this life-changing transition.