



Embracing God's Call

African American Women in Ministry
2014 Conference

CONFERENCE FUNDING

- **LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT:**
Contact your Pastor for sponsorship to determine if funds are available for clergy ministry development. Discuss why you wish to attend the 2014 African American Women in Ministry (AAWIM) Conference and outline funds needed.
- **CONFERENCE/ASSOCIATION SUPPORT:**
Contact your UCC Conference Minister to determine if funds are available for clergy ministry development. Discuss why you wish to attend the 2014 AAWIM Conference and outline funds needed.

If full sponsorship is not obtained from the local church or conference/association, refer to creative fundraising ideas below.

CREATIVE FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

- **ONLINE DONATION WEBSITE:**
Pick a website to request online donations from personal contact list (gofundme.org, crowdrise.com, razoo.com, etc.) Share fundraising goal, plans for funds raised (conference registration, travel expenses, etc.) and why you wish to attend the conference. Keep your (potential) donors updated on funds raised to date. Send a word of thanks. Send a personal thank you message along with a photo after the conference.
- **LIVE/SILENT/ONLINE AUCTION:**
Obtain products and/or commitments for services from personal contacts. Conduct a live, silent or online auction. A few examples include, but are not limited to, the following: art, resume preparation, homemade baked goods, home décor consultation, jewelry, car wash, books, facial, makeover, tutoring, hair care, and fitness classes.
- **MINI BAZAAR:**
Ask for donations of new or gently used items for a street wide or church wide mini bazaar. Remember, one person's "junk" could be another person's treasure.
- **BREAKFAST WITH PASTOR:**
Ask for a donation to have (1-on-1) breakfast with pastor at church. Draw a name. Ask Culinary Ministry to prepare and serve breakfast.

- **PICTURE WITH PASTOR:**
Ask a professional photographer to donate time to take photos. Ask each family to make a donation for a picture with the pastor in a specified location after worship. Send the digital image to each family.
- **CANDY JAR GUESSING:**
Fill a large candy jar with small candy pieces and decorate it. Take a photo of the jar and ask persons to guess the number of pieces. Each “guesser” makes a donation. The winner of the candy jar is the person who guesses the number of candy pieces, without exceeding the actual number.
- **ALTAR FLORALS:**
Ask a florist to create small floral arrangements at a discounted rate in memory of loved ones for Memorial Day, Father’s Day or any given Sunday. Ask members to make a donation (specified) for the floral arrangement. Include the names of those loved ones in the litany. Ask family members to take the arrangement or leave it on the altar.
- **FITNESS EVENT (FUN RUN/WALK):**
Organize a fitness related event at the church. Ask church members and personal contacts to obtain pledges to participate in the fitness event.

*** **FUNDRAISING TIPS** ***

- \$hare conference facts (dates, location, theme, schedule, speakers, etc.)
- \$hare WHY you wish to attend the conference (Tell your story!)
- \$hare WHY you are raising funds (conference registration, travel expenses, etc.)
- \$hare your GOAL(\$) and DEADLINE