

2025-2026 Church Events Ministry Year Financial Guidelines

Life Action's Philosophy of Support Raising

It is our responsibility to inform people of our needs; it is God's responsibility to prompt people to give; it is the responsibility of God's people to respond in obedience to His prompting.

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19

What amount do I need to raise?

The ministry financial requirement for the 2025-2026 year is as follows. This includes your training, meals, books/resource materials, ministry supplies, and activities.

Single Team Member Ministry Fees	
Year	Annual Ministry Fee
1	\$3,500
2	\$3,000
3	\$2,500
4	\$2,000
5 or more	\$1,500

Married Team Members Ministry Fees	
Year	Annual Ministry Fee
1	\$4,500
2	\$4,000
3	\$3,500
4	\$3,000
5 or more	\$2,500

Married Couple Team Member Fee:

The fee schedule is based on the number of years the spouse with the most tenure has completed.

Staff Children Team Member Fee:

Current staff kids of families who are actively traveling on a Life Action church event team, if the staff kid is accepted as team member, they will not be required to pay a ministry fee for their travel season. Current staff kids of families who are active employees of Life Action, will receive a 50% discount off their team member fee.

When must the ministry financial requirement be received?

We require that 50% of the amount of your ministry fee be received before your arrival at Staff Training in July and the remaining 50% by December 31. Throughout our history, we have seen God provide for our short-term missionaries year after year through the donations of others.

Can I get reimbursed for travel, printing newsletters, postage, etc?

Once your financial requirement has been met in your Life Action MPD account, you can raise additional ministry funds to help you pay for **ministry-related expenses**. Examples of ministry-related expenses are:

- travel to staff training to meet the team
- travel home on a scheduled ministry break or back to the team after a scheduled break
- postage and printing of MPD newsletters

If you incur any of these expenses before your financial requirement is met and have used personal funds (funds not given by ministry partners) to pay for those expenses, please keep those receipts and submit them after your ministry fee is raised. You will be able to submit them through *Ramp* for approval from the MPD Director and Finance Team. If the request is approved as a ministry-related expense, you will be reimbursed out of your excess MPD funds. All of these reimbursements are tax free for you, so it is the best way to receive excess funds from your MPD account. Please keep in mind that Life Action is committed to being in compliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the IRS regarding what expenses are deemed as reimbursable.

How do donations get credited to my ministry project account?

Upon your acceptance and our receipt of your *Commitment Form*, you will be set up with an account to receive donations. A tax-deductible receipt will be sent to all

donors who give towards your ministry account, and the ministry will use these funds to first meet your financial requirement.

We will provide a way for you to access your account, which will provide balance information as well as names and addresses of donors who give to your account. We strongly encourage you to thank your donors and keep them updated with your ministry regularly.

Life Action is a non-profit organization that is dependent on the consistent prayer and financial support of individuals who carry the mission of revival in their hearts. We stand accountable before God and before our donors to wisely and efficiently use the resources entrusted to us. All gifts received for ministry expenses are tax-deductible and are given with the understanding that Life Action has complete discretion and control over their use. Life Action is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

How should donations be sent in?

Please make sure that all checks are made payable to Life Action and that there is a response card or note enclosed which indicates your name. It is important that donors receive receipts promptly; therefore, we encourage you to use the Response Card and Business Reply Envelopes that are provided as the best way to get this information to us. Gifts and response devices should be mailed to:

Life Action Ministries P. O. Box 31, Buchanan, MI 49107

Or people can give a gift online at:

www.lifeaction.org/donate/support-a-staff-member/

Then they can find your name in the drop down box, and continue to follow the instructions on the screen.

What happens to contributions already given if I am not able to serve with Life Action?

If a donation comes in to Life Action for a team member, who is unable to serve, the donation will be used to further the ministry of Life Action's Short-Term Missions program. *Per IRS guidelines, all money is donated solely to Life Action; therefore, financial disbursement is at the discretion of Life Action. To protect our donors, we will follow appropriate regulations and ECFA guidelines.*

What about money for personal spending?

The above financial requirement **does not** provide for any **personal** needs you may have while traveling. You will likely need extra money during the year for personal items, such as toiletries, clothing, cell phone, etc.

All funds for personal needs will need to be raised outside of Life Action. We recommend setting up a personal fundraising page on gofundme.com to help facilitate that. While Life Action is not affiliated with GoFundMe, it has a proven track record of accuracy & accountability. You will pay a small (less than 10%) fee for all gifts that are received through GoFundMe, but it will handle all credit card donations smoothly. When you have funds in your GoFundMe account, you can request those at any time and they can deposit them into your bank account directly.

Donors who would prefer to write checks for your personal expenses should make those out to you and mail them to you directly. Any personal gift given by cash, check, or GoFundMe is not eligible for a tax deduction for the donor.

Re-applying for additional year(s) of Short-Term Missions service:

We encourage our missionaries to consider more than one year with us. Many times the first year brings about tremendous spiritual growth, and the succeeding years provide new and deeper opportunities to apply and share God's truth. We offer various scholarships for each subsequent year of ministry.

Other Questions or Help?

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