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## Rochester Mennonite Fellowship Special Offerings

A Special Offering is a "collection" we take for a special cause: a need or organization that fall outside our budget.

This could be of a pastoral nature, outreach-related or a need related to a group or organization with which we either have a relationship through one or more of our members, or is a group we are currently affiliated. At the minimum, it is one in which we share common values.

By having the suggestion/ request for a Special Offering go through one of our church's ministries ensures at least a modicum of discernment and consensus before the request reaches the Leadership Team.

The following is a process for suggesting, deciding, communicating and sending these funds.

 Submit requests for a Special Offering to the Treasurer or Finance Ministry (Treasurer mailbox or email to Treasurer@RochesterMennonite.org)

Use the attached form to ensure these requests include:

- Name of ministry that has endorsed the request
- Several sentences about the request
- The time frame the funds are needed.
- To whom the treasurer is to make the check payable
- Where to send the check.
- 2. The Finance Ministry will review the request for completeness of information and for approval. If further discernment is needed, the request will go to the Leadership Team.
- The Finance Ministry will schedule the month in which the offering will be collected and communicate it to the Administrator by way of a written midweek announcement submission.
- 4. The Administrator will communicate the approved Special Offering to the Leadership Team and will also add this information to weekly announcements to the congregation.