

Camp Shiloh Lutheran Retreat

Gift Reception Policy

The Lord inspired the Apostle Paul to write to the Philippians and all Christians this message, “For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:13) And to the Corinthians and all Christians God gives this message, “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:7-8) And God adds, “So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

With these words God shares with us the child of God’s motivation, reason and attitude for doing anything, especially those things that will benefit the working of the Church. Therefore we presume that all gifts, unless there is evidence to the contrary, are given out of love for the Lord and for the glory of his kingdom. It is also our intent to receive gifts in such a way that we are reflecting that same motivation, reason and attitude. To that end we have adopted this Gift Reception Process.

1. Gifts are received with a commitment on Camp Shiloh’s part to be a good steward of that gift. Camp Shiloh will take care of that gift, and use it in a proper manner that will benefit the Lord’s ministry.
2. Gifts must be consistent with Camp Shiloh’s adopted doctrine and practice before they can be accepted. Gifts that present a message contrary to Biblical doctrine and practice cannot be accepted.
3. Camp Shiloh reserves the right to publicly announce all gifts. However gifts can be announced anonymously if that is the donor’s request.
4. Gifts can be accepted only if their use and/or disposal is at the discretion of Camp Shiloh personnel. If a gift is an item – not a monetary gift – it may be used as it is given, or it may be made functional or sold, or in another way discarded, according to the best judgment of Camp Shiloh personnel.
5. If a designated or directed gift is offered it will be accepted only if it is consistent with the mission, goals and programs for Camp Shiloh.
6. Before a gift can be accepted, any potential negative financial, ecological or other impact must be considered. If expected costs connected with a gift outweigh the value of the gift to Camp Shiloh, such a gift cannot be accepted; or if a gift is presented with conditions unacceptable to Camp Shiloh personnel, such a gift cannot be accepted
7. We accept regular gifts from congregations and individuals unless there is evidence that accepting such gifts would likely cause a hindrance to our ministry.
8. If a donor wishes to make a gift to Camp Shiloh based on the sale of art or equipment or crops or animals or land, such donors are encouraged to investigate any potential tax benefits they might receive by directly gifting the product instead of selling the product first.