

## No-Gift Policy for Full-Time Way Corps Ministers

### Within the household

1. If someone offers a plurality item, a service, or the loaning of materials/equipment that would help in the work of the ministry, The Way Corps person is to discuss this with his or her immediate overseer; if it is not clear that it should be received, then the item, service, or the loaning of materials/equipment should be refused. If both are convinced it is a blessing, then the offer may be accepted. The point is that The Way Corps are thinking it through so that the door is closed on the adversary.

Example: If a Branch coordinator is offered the gift of a couch, he first checks with his Limb coordinator to see if it is of viable use. If either The Way Corps overseer or the State coordinator is uneasy with the gift, it is refused.

2. There will be a hold on all personal gifts given to full-time Way Corps ministers, including gifts resulting from a collection in the household or any gifts or cash from individuals for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Cards and small parties are sufficient for these occasions.

It is permissible for anyone to give a onetime gift for a wedding or a first baby. This onetime gift may be given at the wedding or baby shower.

This policy does not include full-time Way Corps ministers' children. They can receive gifts.

3. Cash honorariums for all weddings, baby dedications, and recognitions will be eliminated. A small gift (under \$20) is appropriate at these times.
4. Personal gifts may be given to a full-time Way Corps minister from immediate family members that are in the household for birthdays or anniversaries.
5. The Way Corps in training are in a very unique position. (This includes apprentice and interim Way Corps.) Their needs are not solely met by the abundant sharing because the very nature of their spiritual partner relationships encourages and, indeed, requires them to receive finances and even items at times (e.g., items on their Preparation Checklist).

### Outside the household

1. Gifts from family members outside the household will be an individual decision. The ministry cannot dictate this (Romans 14:5,22; II Corinthians 6:3). Family members should not be paying for the medical needs of The Way Corps.
2. Vendors' gifts--think it through. If a gift is offered, perhaps ask for credit on the bill instead of a gift, or simply refuse the gift. If The Way Corps overseer feels it is appropriate to accept the gift, then make a decision as to who can use it best. Take responsibility for it and think it through.