

# Pastor Appreciation Fundraising Ideas

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## Educational Debt Sponsors

A seminary education costs approximately \$50/day, or \$350/week. Challenge people to sponsor your pastor's education by contributing one day or one week of education toward the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering.

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## Retirement Sponsors

It is recommended that a pastor should make a minimum monthly contribution to their 403(b) retirement account of \$200-\$400, depending on salary and income needs. Challenge individuals or families to sponsor your pastor's retirement by giving a one month or one half-month contribution to the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering.

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## Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Breakfast

We all love to eat! Host a spaghetti dinner or pancake breakfast for the congregation where all of the proceeds/donations go toward the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering.

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## Roast the Pastor

Be careful with this one! Be sure your pastor has a good sense of humor and can handle some good-natured ribbing. You can offer a meal or simple snacks for the attendees. Have the pastor stand or sit in front of the audience and have people "roast" or tell funny stories about the pastor. Charge each speaker a "fee" to speak, and take a love offering or pass a basket through the audience at the end, to use as donations toward the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering.

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## 5-K Run, Community Beautification, Golf Tournament, Etc.

Think about your pastor's hobbies or interests. If your pastor likes running, organize a 5-K where the runners get sponsors and raise money toward the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering. If your pastor is passionate about environmental issues, sponsor people to clean up the neighborhood/local park. Their service helps the environment and the sponsor funds go toward the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering.

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### Competitions

Some people enjoy a spirited competition. Hold a Pastor Appreciation Love Offering competition between the church's small groups (or ministry teams or worship services) to see who can raise the most money toward the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering. Consider purchasing a small trophy (or repurposing an old one) and hold an awards ceremony where the winner is announced and the love offering is presented to the pastor.

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### Traditional Offering Envelopes

Letters can be mailed or emailed to individuals in the congregation (and maybe others who have been impacted by your pastor's ministry) inviting people to participate in the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering. Remember to emphasize the matching component of this offering. Envelopes can be printed and mailed with the letter, or they can be made available in the sanctuary on the day of the love offering. The video of appreciation from the Church of the Nazarene's Board of General Superintendents could be played during the offering.

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### Teens Provide Parents' Night Out, Children Collect Spare Change

Encourage the children and teens to participate in the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering. Young children can collect spare change or do extra chores to earn money for the offering. Teens can host a Parents' Night Out where they offer a night of childcare for parents in the church with all the proceeds going to the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering.

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### Fun-Raising Goals

Many churches have someone who would be willing to get a pie in the face, go in a dunk tank, or shave or color their hair for a worthy cause. Set a fundraising goal for the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering, and when the goal is reached the volunteer will follow through on their commitment as a public declaration of the congregation's love and appreciation for the pastor.

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### 14 Days of Appreciation

Have two weeks of pastor appreciation, using the 14 Days of Appreciation calendar. Distribute the calendars to each person in the congregation and invite them to participate in the Pastor Appreciation Love Offering each day as they respond to the daily readings and suggestions.