



Policy Guidelines For The Donation Of Used Electrical and Electronic Equipment.

Background

The church building is a public gathering space, and all are welcome to worship here. As such, the stewards of this space must be overly conscious of public safety. Electrical equipment, anything that plugs into the wall, is potentially dangerous. Regulatory agencies (UL) help protect the public by holding manufacturers responsible for ensuring the safety of their products. New factory sealed or factory refurbished products are certified to be safe to operate. Used electronics and electrical appliances, on the other hand, are not so certified. They may be outmoded so as not to work correctly with newer technology, they may be defective or faulty, and they could be dangerous.

Policy

The intent of this policy is to protect the public safety that is assured by regulatory agencies governing electrical and electronic equipment manufacturers, and to minimize the cost of repairing, storing, or disposing of unsafe or undesired equipment.

Used electrical equipment will no longer be accepted as donation, unless such equipment has been dutifully certified to be in good operating condition by an appropriate professional repair service. The donor is expected to obtain and bear the cost of such repair services prior to donating the equipment. In order to ensure efficient interoperability with in situ technology, all such donations must be approved by the Technology Ministry prior to dropping any item off at the church.

In general, the donation of used electrical equipment is discouraged, due to the cost of re-certifying safety, and the difficulty of interfacing with newer technology.

New, factory sealed or factory refurbished products are acceptable if the equipment fulfills an identified and approved need of the church. Cash donations are preferred however, so that the Technology Ministry may decide how to best utilize the available funding. Cash donations can be designated toward a particular technology if desired. The Technology Ministries are Audio, Video, Office, and Internet.

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