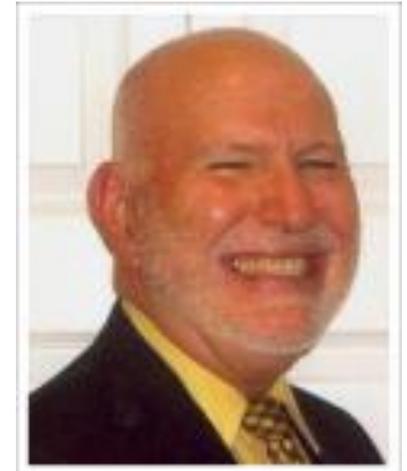


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# **THE MAJOR ISSUES THAT AROSE**

**1. HURT FEELINGS**

**2. Church Autonomy**

**3. Are Bible examples binding?**

**a) Are examples as important as Bible commands?**

**4. Church vs. Individual Action**

**a) Can a congregation do the same things an individual can do?**

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**(Php 4:9)**

I urge you, then, be imitators of me. (I Corinthians 4:16)

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (I Corinthians 11:1)

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. (Philippians 3:17)

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, (I Thessalonians 1:6)

For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, (I Thessalonians 2:14)

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, (II Thessalonians 3:7)

It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. (II Thessalonians 3:9)

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience **as an example** to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. (I Timothy 1:16)

Let no one despise you for your youth, **but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.** (I Timothy 4:12)

**As an example of suffering and patience,** brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (James 5:10)

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, **leaving you an example,** so that you might follow in his steps. (I Peter 2:21)

just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, **serve as an example** by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. (Jude 1:7)

# **SOME MAJOR POINTS OF AGREEMENT**

**1. We all agreed on the inerrancy of the Bible**

- **Inspired by God, translated correctly**

**2. Almost all of us agreed that the Bible could be understood by anyone diligently seeking**

**3. We all agreed on baptism**

- **The process and the purpose**

**4. We all agreed on the Lord's Supper**

- **When, how, and why to take it**

**5. We all agreed on the Lord's Supper**

- **Pray, sing, preach, give, eat Lord's Supper, give**

## Only THREE commands!

- "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Lk 22:19)
- "a man must examine himself" (1 Cor 11:28)
- "wait for one another" (1 Cor 11:33)

When? Need an example (Acts 20:7)

Unleavened bread? Need an example (Lk 22:15, Ex 13:7)

Order? Need an example (1 Cor 11, Matt 26)

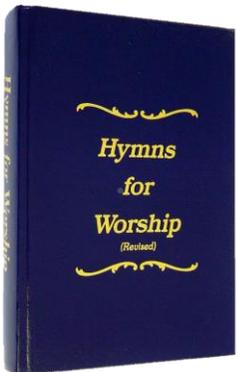
## BAPTISM



How do we know it is water? Need examples (Jhn 3:23)

How do we know it is necessary in preaching Christ? Examples (Acts 8)

How do we know when to do it? Examples (Acts 9:18-19; 16:33)



No command to meet on Sunday

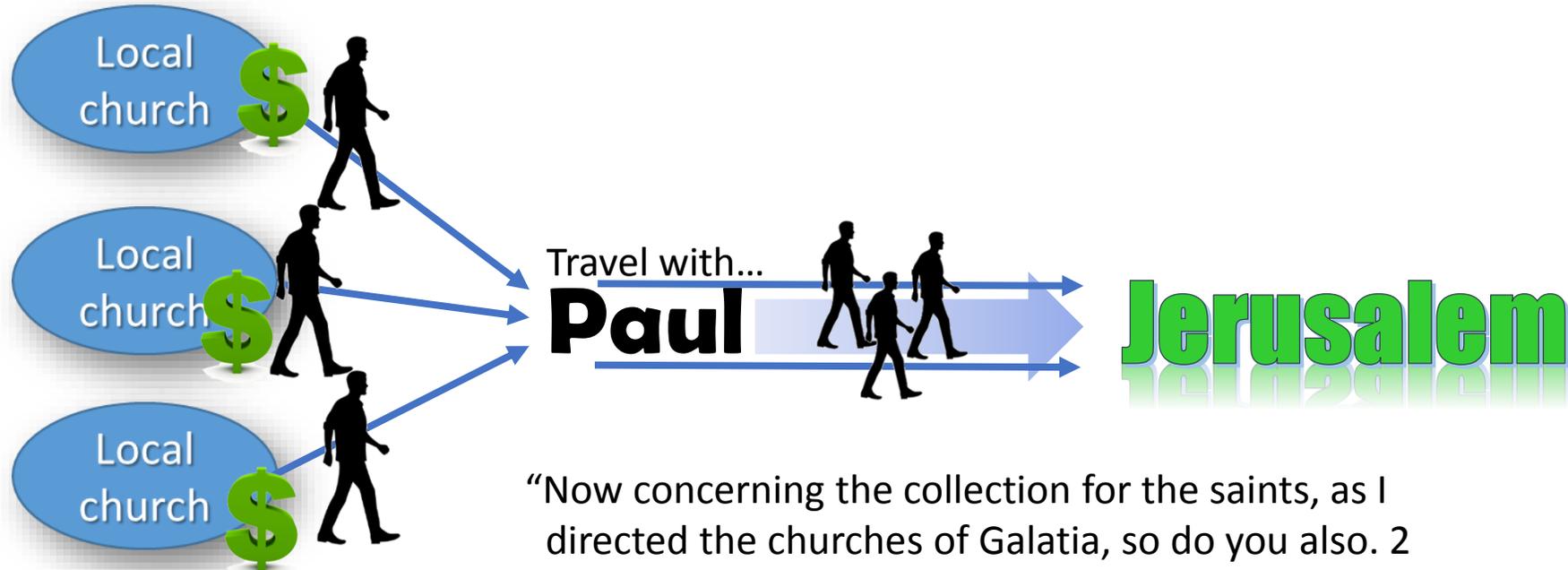
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Giving: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Not a command for us...but an example!



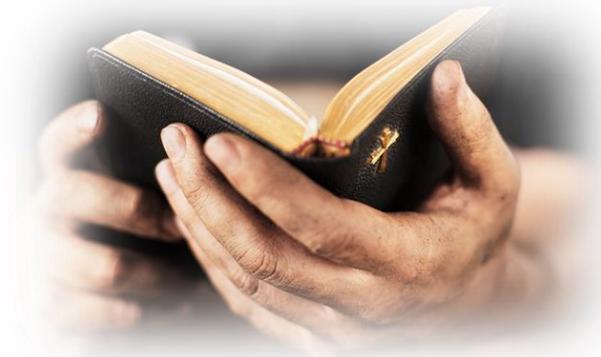
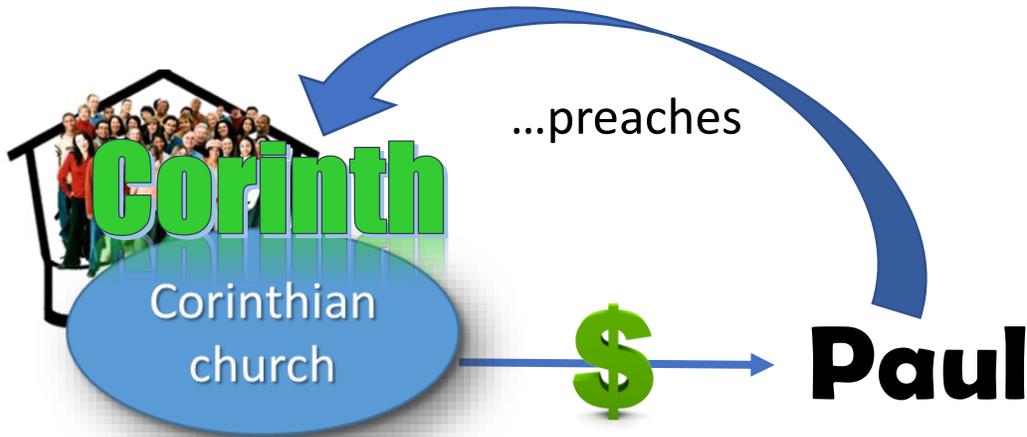
## Examples – giving in 1 Corinthians 16



“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2 On the **first day** of **every** week each one of you is to put aside and **save**, as he may prosper, so that **no collections** be made when I come. 3 When I arrive, whomever you may approve, **I will send them** with letters to carry your gift to **Jerusalem**; 4 and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.”



**Truth** – supporting a preacher

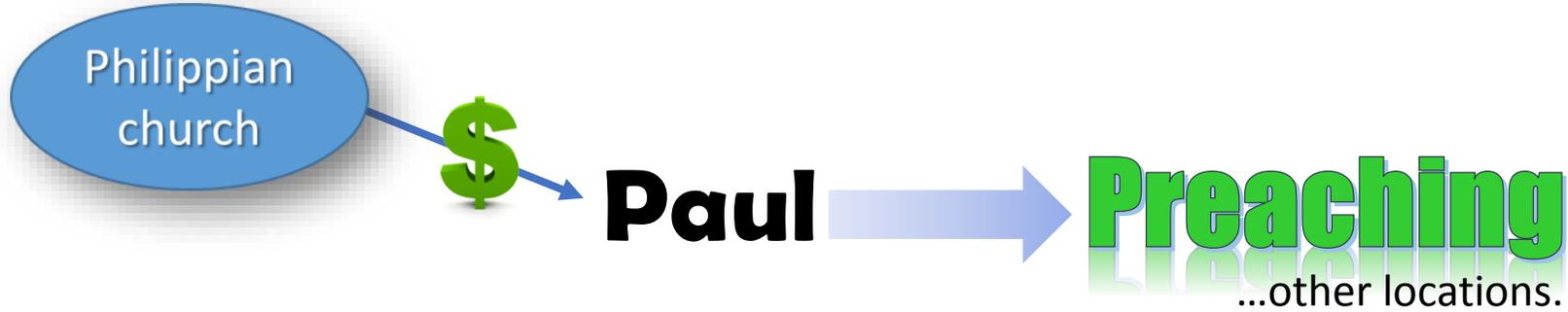


“So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.”

(1 Corinthians 9:14)



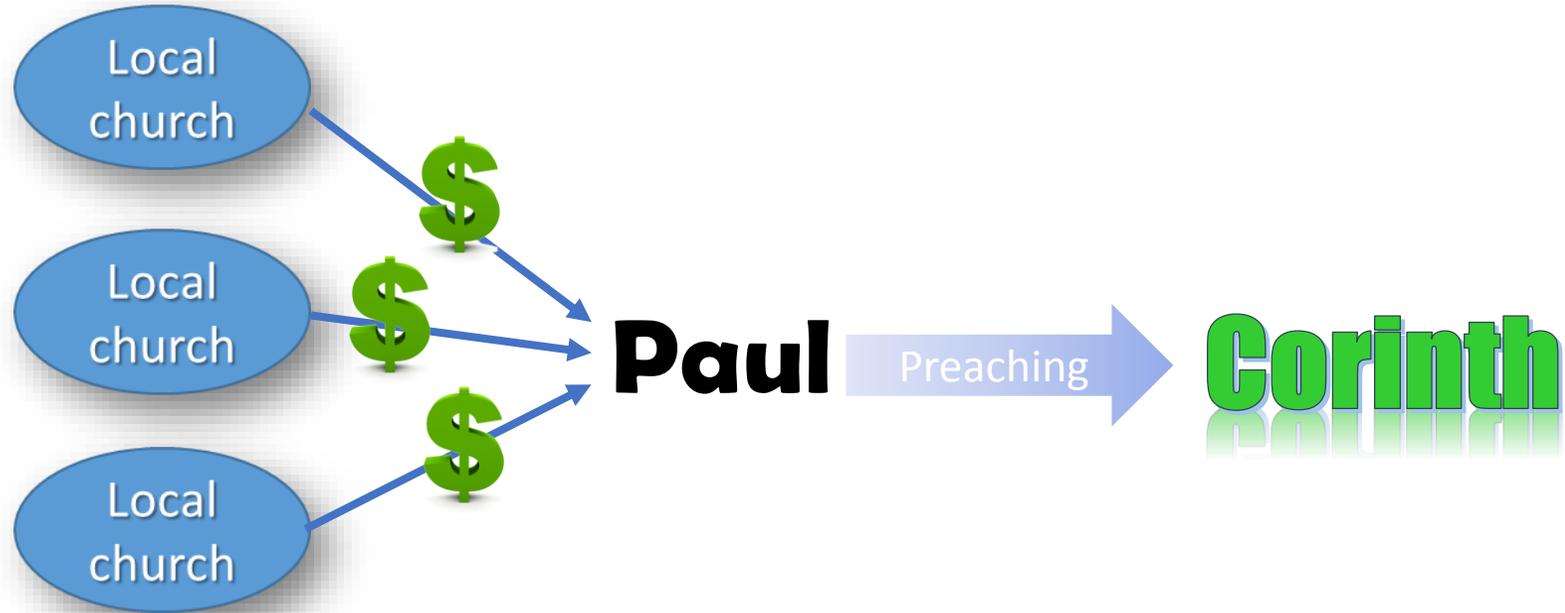
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“...no church shared with me  
in the matter of giving and  
receiving but you alone”  
(Philippians 4:15)



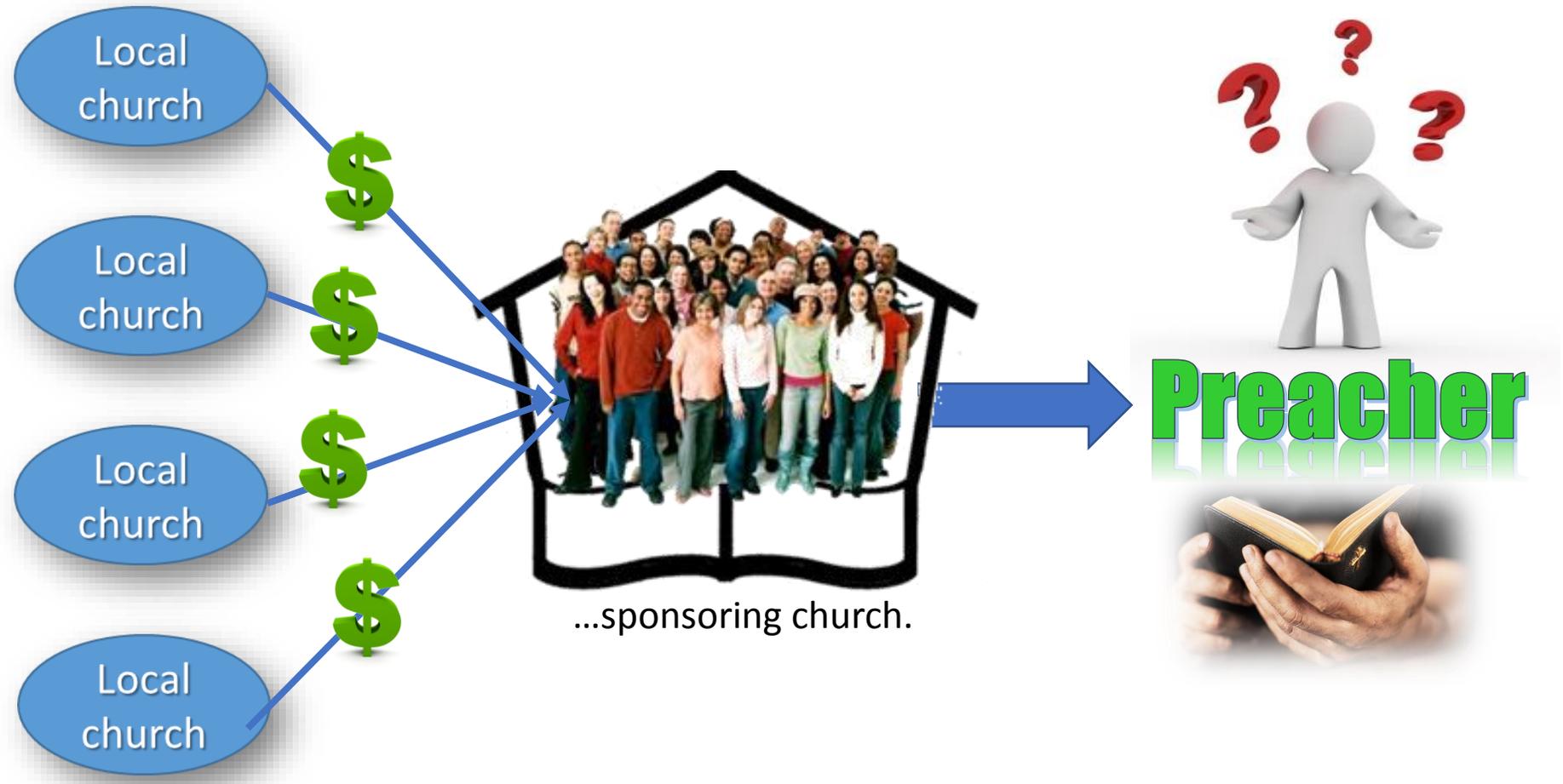
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“I robbed other churches,  
taken wages from them to  
serve you” (2 Corinthians 11:8)



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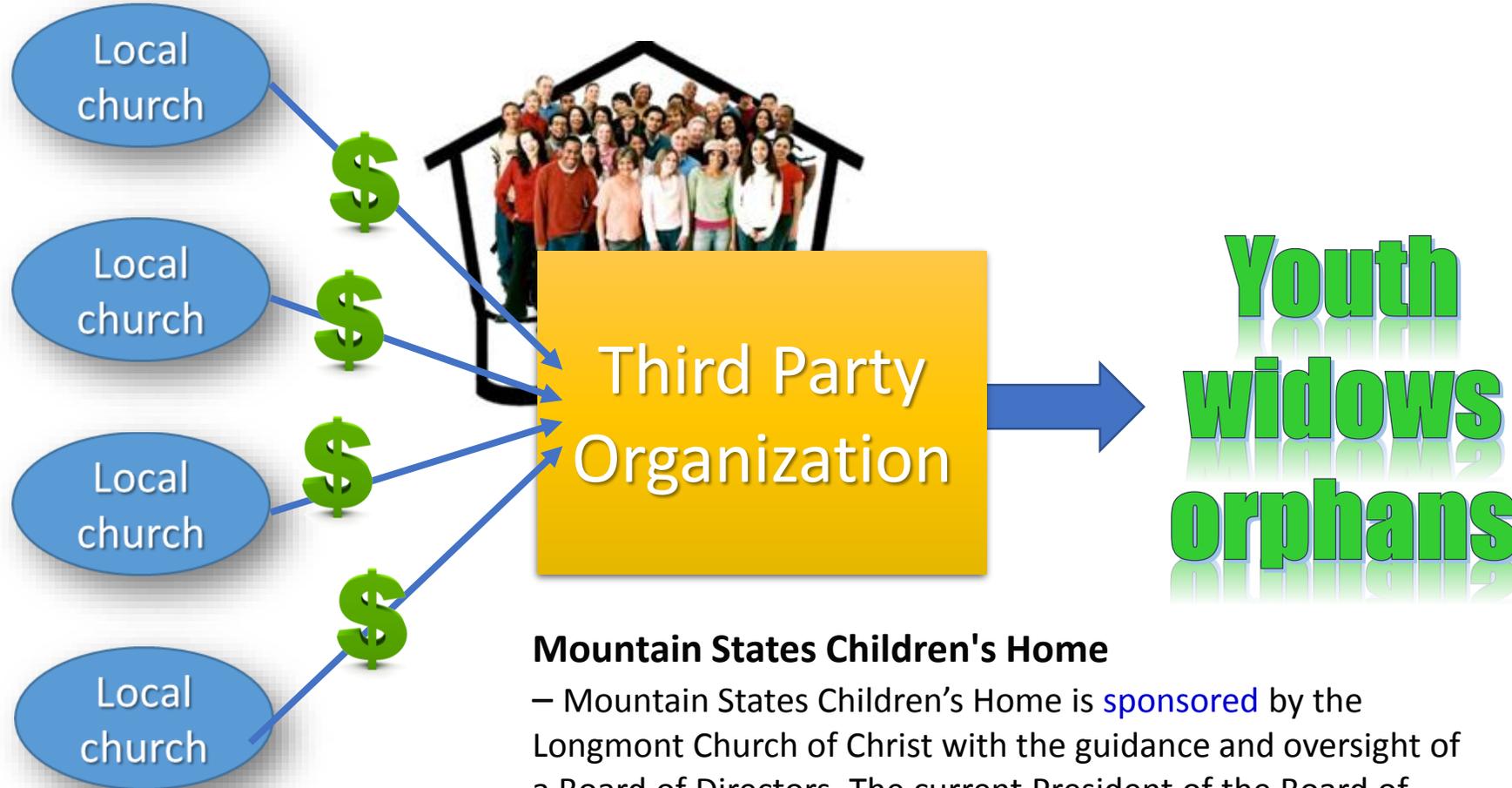
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## Examples – any work of the church



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