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# Fair Trade Fund

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## Proposal: Fair Trade Fund

In conjunction with ASB Student Congress, the Point Loma Fair Trade Club, and the Center for Justice and Reconciliation, we propose the creation of a *Fair Trade Fund* (FTF). This would be a fund created by and approved by the students of Point Loma Nazarene University. We propose a student body vote on a voluntary tuition increase of \$3 per semester per student.

## Rational

Purchasing fair trade falls in line with PLNU's mission, vision, and core values. By demonstrating our commitment to responsible buying habits, we show our passion for justice, love, and responsibility. Many schools, including PLNU, have a "Green Fund" demonstrating commitment to environmental responsibility and stewardship. From our research it appears that PLNU would be the first school in the nation to pass a FTF. The fair trade movement on our campus would be benefitted by the availability of a fair trade budget. Equally as important, PLNU would receive media attention and be given a platform to voice the importance of fair trade if we were the first in the nation to pass such an unprecedented measure.

## Allocation

The school would receive approximately \$7,000 per semester from this fund. A small committee comprised of students, staff, and faculty would be formed to determine the wisest allocation of these funds. The president of the Center for Justice and Reconciliation will chair the committee and will adjudicate the composition of the committee and oversee the distribution of the funds. The board will be composed of at least 51% students including the Point Loma Fair Trade Club president and a member of the ASB Board of Directors. Funds would be first directed to subsidize the cost of fair trade coffee for departments interested in using fair trade coffee but do not have a large enough budget. Additional allocation can be discussed later but suggestions include fair trade chocolate and clothing.