

## Ideas for "Swap Shoppe"

1. Old Fashioned Baby Buggy: Sign & flyers that had a drawing of an old fashioned baby buggy that says; "Save a baby for this buggy by your donation...Stop Abortion." Members were instructed to bring donations and put it in a decorated buggy. The donations were given to Birthright and Natural Family Planning. (Collected \$4,000) (Idea from Lincoln, NE)

2. The ACCW of Washington, DC sponsored an open meeting on child abuse. The Council chair introduced a panel discussion chaired by a psychologist. Other panel members included the Director of Child Protection Services, A Police Department Sergeant with the Child Abuse Division, The Clinical Director of the a local institute who addressed the "Myths and Misconceptions of Child Sexual Abuse." Panel discussions were preceded by mass.

3. A group in Orange, CA held a Multicultural Style Show and Luncheon. It was a fashion show where you not only saw unique fashions but you also got to know unique people and learn of their backgrounds, families, cultures and how they worship in their churches." What a great project to raise awareness of cultural diversity....and most importantly...our sameness.

4. Fundraiser: Taste & See: Ethnic Food Fair

Each person purchases a "passport" and brings it to the Food Fair. You take your passport to each country's food table and enjoy the sampler of ethnic favorites from that country. When the passport is used at a country a special mark (used for that country only) is placed on the passport card over the name of that country. This allows the participant to sample only once from that country. They combined the event with an art show...you could do it by itself or with many different events. (Knoxville, TN )

5. Mixer at meetings: Show samples...an affiliation tried this from an idea many years ago submitted to me as OSC and then used at the NCCW Share shop and resurrected with a little different face.

6. An easy exercise to do at a Council meeting, and then encourage it to be done in CCD, The School, etc. is to encourage adults and children to protect the earth. Place a drop of food coloring on the surface of a container of clear water (container should have clear sides so all can see). Within minutes it will disperse, illustrating the rapidity with which liquid toxins can be diffused in water. Share the challenge of Chief Seattle who in the year 1854 at a tribal assembly between Indians and government representatives had this to say...  
“Teach your children what we have taught our children that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth. If we spit upon the ground, we spit upon ourselves... This earth is precious to God and to harm the earth is to heap contempt upon its Creator.” (Idea from Uberta Jablonski from Greensburg, PA)

Also, Christopher News Notes has two excellent pamphlets on the subject of the environment. Request # 278 “This Precious Land” and #322 “What on Earth Can I do? Single copies are free. Write to : The Christophers, 12 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10017

#### Hints for all:

- Any event you have you should try to gain the most benefit from the work.
- Advertise events, not only in the bulletin but at previous events.
- Have info telling what you have accomplished as a group... financial and in-kind and hours to charity, etc.
- Have flyers to give out about your upcoming events, Ask other groups to give out flyers advertising your event at their functions and volunteer to do the same for them at yours.