

Stewardship Development

**Connecting to
All Aspects of
Church Life**

Worship

Learning

**Congregational
Life**

Outreach

**Leadership
Development**

**Administration,
Finance, and
Accountability**

Worship Planning

Gifts of Worship and **Gifts of Worship 2** ed. Elizabeth Muir (The United Church of Canada, 1996). Prayers, skits, sermon ideas, bulletin inserts, hymn suggestions, and short worship services on the theme of stewardship.



Gifts of Worship
200 000 135
\$3.50 each or 2/\$5.00

Gifts of Worship 2
200 000 066
\$3.50 each or 2/\$5.00

Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation

An annual magazine published by Ecumenical Stewardship Center, with related theme materials. Every issue includes an annual stewardship emphasis in a pull-out centre section. New edition available in February each year.

\$9.00

- See the article "Offering as Worship" by Barbara Fullerton in *Giving* 2008.
- A series of four **bulletin inserts** related to *Giving's* annual theme is available at no charge from UCRD while quantities last (shipping charges apply). For recent themes see www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/inserts.

Online Resources for Worship Planners

- **Offering invitations and prayers for weekly texts:** See www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/invitededicate.
- **Stewardship bulletin inserts:** Mailed to all pastoral charges in January 2008. See www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/inserts to download.
- **Stewardship Seconds:** One-liners for bulletins every Sunday. See www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/seconds.
- **Stewardship Sermon Starters:** Weekly, lectionary-based reflections to help make stewardship an integral part of preaching. See www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/sermonstarters.
- **White Gift services/dramas:** See www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/whitegift.

Preaching

Preaching Stewardship: An Every-Sunday Theme

by Patricia Wilson-Kastner (Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies, 1993). A leaflet on stewardship for preachers and a resource for small membership congregations.

200 000 154 no charge (shipping charges apply)



Unless otherwise noted,
resources are available through UCRD.

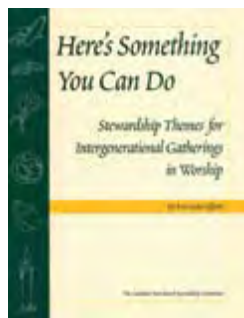
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or locally **416-253-5456**

or contact your local **presbytery resource centre**

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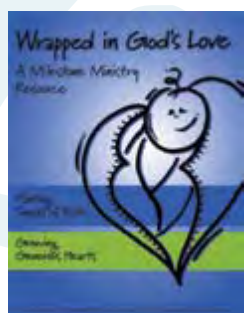
Intergenerational Theme/ Children's Time



Here's Something You Can Do: Stewardship Themes for Intergenerational Gatherings in Worship

by Leslee Alfano (Canadian Interchurch Stewardship Committee, 2001). Children, youth, and adults can lead these 12 seasonal presentations.

200 000 103 \$3.00



Wrapped in God's Love: Planting Seeds of Faith and Growing Generous Hearts

by Barbara Fullerton, Annemarie Klassen, and Jeff Steckley (Canadian Interchurch Stewardship Committee, 2007). Includes suggestions for use in worship, for Christian education

opportunities, and at home to help congregations and families celebrate milestones from infancy to age 18.

CH10319 \$5.95

Workshops

Contact Congregational, Educational, and Community Ministries (CECM) (see back cover) or your Conference office for workshop leadership.

- Singing for Your Supper? (stewardship preaching)
- Offering Is Worship (not an embarrassing secular interlude!)
- Stewardship Sunday (every week!)
- Praying for Money? (The annual "campaign" comes to church.)
- Grateful Living, Generous Giving (practical stewardship theology)

Mission and Service Fund Resources

- **Minutes for Mission.** Mailed to every church and available online at www.united-church.ca/sales/publications/CH10423 (2008 edition).



- **Sunday bulletins** and special occasion bulletins. For information, see www.united-church.ca/sales/publications/bulletins.

Look for more **M&S resources** at www.united-church.ca.

Did You Know?

Research on giving trends in the United Church over a recent six-year period* showed:

- per-capita giving increased 7 percent more than the national average in United Churches that used all six of the following worship resources: "Stewardship Links" in *Gathering*; offering invitations and prayers, bulletin inserts, Sunday bulletins, *Minutes for Mission*, and stewardship sermon starters
- 298 United Churches with the highest per-capita giving were twice as likely to regularly hear stewardship sermons, compared with all United Churches
- in churches where ministers use online stewardship sermon starters, per-capita giving went up 2 percent more than the increase in per-capita giving in all United Churches over the six years studied
- in churches where ministers preach on stewardship, per-capita giving increased 7 percent more than the national average
- in churches where ministers do *both*, per-capita giving was up 12 percent more than the national increase

*Barbara L. Fullerton, "Growing Generosity: Identity as Stewards in The United Church of Canada" (Washington, DC: Wesley Theological Seminary D.Min. project thesis, 2008).

Children and Young Teens



Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families

by Carol A. Wehrheim. This book explores a broader view of stewardship: the family's mission; stewardship in the family, congregation, and community; and stewardship seeking justice.

978-0664-22689-3 \$11.50



Let the Children Give: Time, Talents, Love, and Money

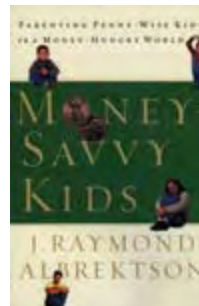
by Delia Halverson. A book for adults to demonstrate and teach a stewardship lifestyle to kids. Includes many creative educational activities.

978-0-88177-501-3 \$16.50

The Giving Tree (9-minute video). The relationship between a boy and a tree illustrates some truths about the meaning of giving, receiving, and love. (See www.united-church.ca/tvmm/avel for ideas on using videos and DVDs.)

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Money-Savvy Kids: Parenting Penny-Wise Kids in a Money-Hungry World

by J. Raymond Albrektson. Helps parents raise children on principles of generous giving, wise saving, and careful spending.

978-1578-56426-2 \$16.95



Hand in Hand: M&S for Kids, Volume Two This lively, colourful booklet features activities, crafts, games, stories, prayers, and lots of information. The left-hand pages are for kids; the right-hand pages are for youth. *Hand in Hand* can be used by worship leaders, in confirmation classes, for baptism

gifts, and with youth groups to explore our church and how we fund our work.

CH10375 \$2.00 each; \$1.50 each for 10 or more copies

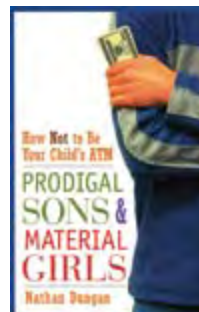
- **M&S for Kids, Volume One**

300001037 \$2.00 each; \$1.50 each for 10 or more copies

It's All about Community (15-minute video). This video encourages children to see themselves as part of a community where each person has something special to add. (See www.united-church.ca/tvmm/avel for ideas on using videos and DVDs.)

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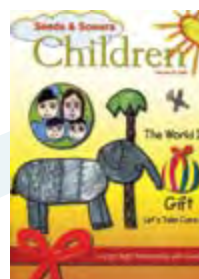
Borrow from AVEL



Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM

by Nathan Dungan. This book outlines the unrealistic expectations children have about money and offers examples of how parents can help children break free from materialism.

978-0471-25069-2 \$33.99



Seeds and Sowers Children, Vol. 25, 2006

Highlights the theme "The World Is a Gift: Let's Take Care of It: Living in Right Relationship with Creation." See www.united-church.ca/sales/magazines/seeds.

CH10223

\$12.00



Share the Gift activity poster (Toronto: The United Church of Canada, 2000). A four-session storytelling process for ages 4–8.
200 000 101 \$1.00

Age-specific activity sheets/bulletin inserts are no charge. Pay only shipping and handling:

- **Share the Gift: A Safe Place to Play**
 (story to colour, ages 4–8) **300 000 937**
- **Share the Gift: Their Very Own Goat**
 (story to colour, ages 4–8) **300 000 942**
- **Share the Gift: What I Do/Gift of Time**
 (for pre-teens, ages 9 and up) **300 000 940**
- **Share the Gift: Who Am I?**
 (for pre-teens, ages 9 and up) **300 000 946**
- **Share the Gift: How Much Stuff?/Me and My Money**
 (pre-teens, ages 9 and up) **300 000 947**
- **Share the Gift: But Have I Any?**
 (pre-teens, ages 9 and up) **300 000 938**
- **Share the Gift: Can One Person Make a Difference?**
 (ages 12–17) **300 000 939**
- **Share the Gift: When the Last Is First**
 (ages 12–17 years) **300 000 941**

Stewardship Program Ideas with Young People

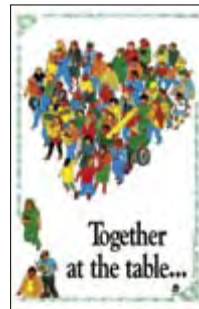
- Hold a vacation day school or intergenerational family camp for a week in the evenings using a stewardship theme. Use “Share the Gift” resources for children and youth (see above) or *Children of The Dancing Sun* curriculum for a creation-centred theme (see www.united-church.ca/exploring/curriculum/dancingsun_children).
- SPIN online community has three-week stewardship rotation modules at <http://communities.united-church.ca/spin>.
- Expand on suggestions for White Gift dramas available at www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/whitegift. Research potential recipients for the white gifts, and offer options to let the Sunday school choose.
- Workshops on milestone ministries, children and consumerism, or stewardship in the family are available from CECM (see back cover) or your Conference office.

Storytelling Resources

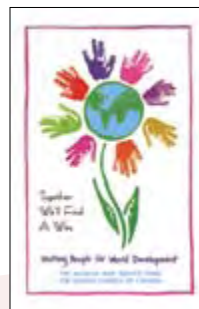
Each packet contains a leader’s guide and posters/activity sheets for 10 young people.



Come Let Us Play... in God’s World
 Explore stewardship of play.
200 000 067 \$4.00



Together at the Table
 Explore hospitality and generosity.
200 000 064 \$5.00



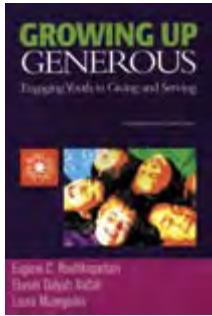
Together We’ll Find a Way
 Reflect on how people work together for change.
200 000 062 \$5.00

Teaching Kids to Care and Share: 300+ Mission and Service Ideas for Children by Jolene Roehlkepartain. Contains more than 300 ideas for engaging in outreach, service, and mission.
978-0687-08428-9 \$20.99

Wrapped in God’s Love: Planting Seeds of Faith and Growing Generous Hearts. See description on page 3.

Youth

Don't Sit on Your Stuff (21-minute DVD). Invites youth to discuss and live out Christian stewardship principles. One in a series of Bible studies for youth. (See www.united-church.ca/tvmm/avel for ideas on using videos and DVDs.)
CD0039 Borrow from AVEL



Growing Up Generous: Engaging Youth in Giving and Serving by Eugene C. Roehlkepartain, Elanah Dalyah Naftali, and Laura Musegades. A practical, respectful, proactive approach for those who mentor and empower youth to claim generosity over wanton consumerism.
978-1566-99238-1 \$18.50



Leap in Faith: A Confirmation Resource, eds. Leslee Alfano, Noelle Bowles, and Rick Garland (United Church Publishing House, 2004). Contains a weekend experience connecting justice and stewardship.
978-1-55134-136-1 \$12.95



Share the Gift: "Money, Money, Money" (The United Church of Canada, 2000). A booklet with exercises and discussion starters to help ages 12–17 talk about money and think carefully about how they spend and share it.
200 000 102 \$1.00

What Is Stewardship? by Carole Bennett is a youth confirmation resource available at www.united-church.ca/exploring/stewardship/allages/youth.

Adults

Beyond Money: Becoming Good and Faithful Stewards by Dan R. Dick. There's more to stewardship than church program funds and pledge campaigns. Being a good steward is also about honouring the gifts, graces, and fruits of the Spirit.
978-0881-77466-5 \$16.50



Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life by Mark Allan Powell. Everything is a gift from God, but how do we decide how to give back to God? How much is enough? What does the Bible say?
978-0802-82926-9 \$16.50



Living with Money (80-minute video) by the Episcopal Media Center. Examines the subject of money in the context of Christian faith. For use by individuals, couples, families, and lay study groups. Includes four 20-minute video segments: What Is Money? Know Your Money, Making Peace with Money, and Balancing Life's Ledger. Includes a leader's guide and participant's journal (see below). Can also be borrowed from AVEL (see www.united-church.ca/trmm/avel).
200 000 182 \$175.00

Living with Money Participant's Journal by the Episcopal Media Center. A 70-page journal intended to be used with the *Living with Money* program.
200 000 184 \$14.95 special order only



Radical Gratitude by Mary Jo Leddy. Leddy integrates spirituality with justice-seeking in this reflection that helps us appreciate the earthly things around us that give joy.
978-1-570-75448-7 \$26.95

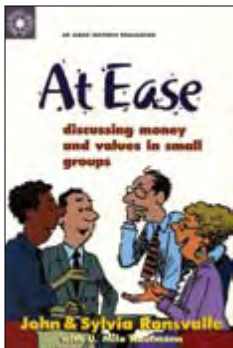
Congregations



Afire with God: Spirit-ed Stewardship for a New Century
by Betsy Schwarzentraub.
Congregational leaders are invited to apply a biblical foundation for stewardship in their personal lives and in the life of the congregation.
978-0881-77273-9 \$21.95

Affluenza (56-minute video). A look at the modern-day plague of materialism and over-consumption, and the commercialization that feeds it. (See www.united-church.ca/tvmm/avel for ideas on using videos and DVDs.)

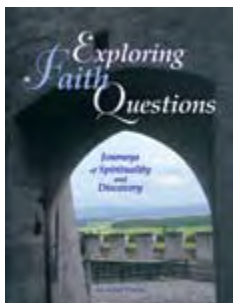
VC0870 Borrow from AVEL



At Ease: Discussing Money and Values in Small Groups by John and Sylvia Ronsvalle with U. Milo Kaufmann. This book helps individuals identify their fears, worries, and attitudes about stewardship and support of the church.
978-1566-99202-2 \$18.99

Escape from Affluenza: Living Better on Less (56-minute video). Provides practical solutions to the problems (stress, waste, over-consumption, and environmental decay) caused by the pace of modern consumer living. (See www.united-church.ca/tvmm/avel for ideas on using videos and DVDs.)

VC0904 Borrow from AVEL



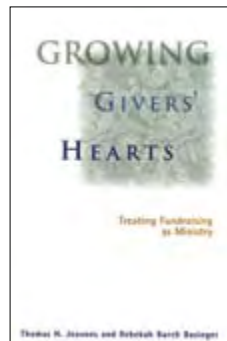
Exploring Faith Questions: Journeys of Spirituality and Discovery by Anne Martin (United Church Publishing House, 2004) is a small group ministries resource with a stewardship question in every session.
978-1-55134-135-4 \$15.95

Speakers

Contact CECM (see back cover for contact information) or your Conference office for a stewardship speaker.

Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation.
See description on page 2.

Good Stewards Are Made, Not Born: Developing Financial Stewardship Education in the Congregation (The United Church of Canada, 2003). Includes definitions of stewardship, how stewardship fits into the life of the church, an outline for a stewardship lesson, and a financial response program, plus other information. Looseleaf.
200 000 137 no charge

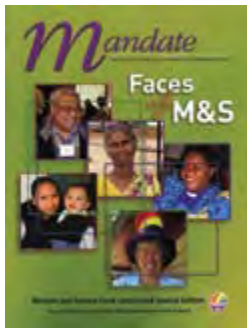


Growing Givers' Hearts: Treating Fundraising as Ministry by Thomas H. Jeavens and Rebekah Burch Basinger. Provides practical inspiration for organizational leaders and fundraisers and explores a spiritual way of looking at fundraising.
SD0 255 308 \$35.95



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or locally **416-253-5456**
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Mandate: The United Church of Canada Mission Magazine. The annual Mission and Service Fund Special Edition includes an “M&S at a Glance” centre section and offers education, worship, and workshops. For more information, see www.united-church.ca/sales/magazines/mandate.

The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age by Douglas John Hall. Stewardship means more than simply raising funds to support the church’s mission: Stewardship is the church’s mission.

978-1592-44766-4

The Steward Living in Covenant: A New Perspective on Old Testament Stories by Ron E. Vallet. Explores the theme of stewardship from a biblical perspective. The book also features two choral readings and three dramas to enliven worship.

978-0802-84727-0

\$31.99

Stewardship for All Ages: Guidelines and Suggestions by Leslee Alfano (Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies, 1992). A leaflet available from CECM (see back cover).



Thanks Giving: Growing Generosity among God’s People by Christopher Levan (United Church Publishing House, 2005). This book is about money and how to invite people to give it for God’s work through the church, based on the belief that our bankbooks are a window into our soul and a spotlight on our spiritual convictions.

978-1-555134-141-5

\$7.95

Seminars

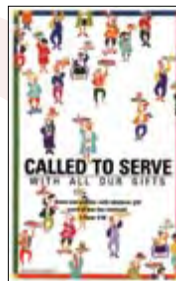
Contact CECM (see back cover) about these seminars:

- “The Bible, Money, and Stuff” (What *does* the Bible say?)
- “Your Money and Your Life” (What does faith have to do with it?)
- “Money Autobiography Retreat” (Insights from your personal money story)

Small Group Studies

Biblical Stewardship Principles: A Bible Study for Small Membership Congregations by Clark Hargus (Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies, 1991).

A leaflet available from CECM (see back cover).



Called to Serve with All Our Gifts by Annemarie Klassen (Canadian Interchurch Stewardship Committee, 1996). A five-part Bible study that explores the biblical understanding of steward as a metaphor for Christian life.

300 000 686

\$2.87



Remember! Rejoice! Respond! by Kathryn Root Parr (Canadian Interchurch Stewardship Committee, 1996). A five-part Bible study booklet exploring the biblical concept of stewardship.

200 000 068

no charge

Stewardship in the Small Membership Congregation by Clark Hargus (Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies, 1991). A leaflet available from CECM (see back cover).

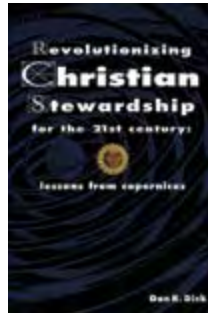


- Stewardship Network Newsletter in Infopac or online at www.united-church.ca/communications/infopac
- Stewardship Network online community at <http://communities.united-church.ca/stewardshipnetwork>

Congregational Identity and Purpose



Alive & Well: Renewed Purpose for Healthier Congregations (The United Church of Canada, 2006). Seven lenses—purpose, worship, learning, transformation, caring, sustainability, and context—offer a gifts-based focus to discern congregational health and vitality for the purpose to which God calls us.
CH10219 \$6.95



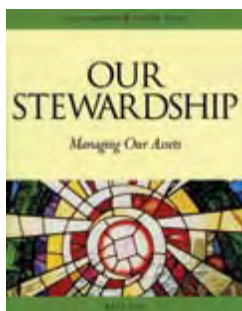
Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship for the 21st Century: Lessons from Copernicus by Dan R. Dick. Focuses on the needs of gifted people to be in right relationship with God and one another through discerning, developing, and deploying their gifts.
978-0881-77212-8 \$22.99



The Great Permission: An Asset-Based Field Guide for Congregations by Bob Sitze. A theory section provides scriptural and philosophical foundations for an asset-based approach, and a practical section offers insights for decisions and actions.
6-000-16960-4 \$11.25

Pastoral Care

Guidelines for Writing Your Money Autobiography by Ministry of Money is available from CECM (see back cover) or www.united-church.ca/files/exploring/stewardship/money.pdf.



Our Stewardship: Managing Our Assets by John L. Golv. Look at why your congregation has the gifts it has, and how to use these gifts well.
978-0806-64406-6 \$19.50



Passion and Freedom (United Church Publishing House, 2003) has a section on budget, with a practical exercise.
Ministers and Leaders
978-1-55134-120-0 \$19.95
Couples
978-1-55134-131-6 \$ 7.95

The Power of Asset Mapping: How Your Congregation Can Act on Its Gifts by Luther K. Snow. Shows congregational leaders how to recognize the abundance of God's gifts and act on them in ministry and mission.
978-1566-99294-X \$23.50

Personal Finance Resources

For suggestions, contact steward@united-church.ca.

Wills Awareness Resources

See www.united-church.ca/funding/planned.

Workshops on Asset-Mapping

CECM and some Conference staff offer asset-mapping workshops. Contact CECM (see back cover) or your Conference office.

Did You Know?

Per-capita giving was 25 percent higher in United Churches with personal finance training (Fullerton, 2008).

Outreach

*Connecting locally
and globally*

Mission and Service



Resources are provided at no cost for United Church Mission and Service Fund promotion, education, and invitations to give. See www.united-church.ca/funding/msfund for more information.

Justice

For information on resources related to social justice, human rights, ecology, and more, see www.united-church.ca/justice.

Did You Know?

Research on giving trends showed 15 percent higher per-capita giving in United Churches that provided five or more opportunities for actual engagement with social justice issues in the community (for example: a food or clothing bank, advocacy work). Growing churches were more likely to be in this group (Fullerton, 2008).

Leadership Development

*Providing training
and support*

Passionate, Entrepreneurial Leadership

A workshop for practising asset-based stewardship that develops entrepreneurial leaders who initiate and take charge of ministries. For information contact CECM (see back cover).

A Spiritual Gifts Inventory and Questionnaire by David Ewart. A gift assessment tool available on the British Columbia Conference website: www.bc.united-church.ca/Healthy_Congregations/Education/ssg.htm.

Stewardship Events

Stewardship events for congregational leaders are sponsored by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center (www.stewardshipresources.org). North American Stewardship Conferences are co-sponsored with the Canadian Interchurch Stewardship Committee, plus there are United Church events such as Kananaskis events in Alberta and an intergenerational event in Ontario. For information, watch Infopac, the Stewardship Network newsletter and online community, and the United Church website (www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events) or contact CECM (see back cover).

Did You Know?

Research on giving trends in the United Church over a recent six-year period* showed stewardship leadership affects congregational giving.

- In United Churches noted for their stewardship leaders, increases in per-capita giving were 10 percent higher than increases in per-capita giving across the denomination.
- Over the period of the study, 60 churches that had worked with one United Church consultant a decade earlier tracked a consistent 20 percent higher in per-capita giving in comparison with average per-capita giving in all United Churches.

*Barbara L. Fullerton, "Growing Generosity: Identity as Stewards in The United Church of Canada" (Washington, DC: Wesley Theological Seminary D.Min. Project Thesis, 2008).

Visit catalogue.united-church.ca for a complete list of resources. Prices and availability subject to change without notice.

Annual Stewardship Emphasis Collection. Five models for annual giving programs as published in *Giving* magazine 1999–2003. Includes how to plan for all-year-round giving, sample form letters, and more.

200 000 183 \$8.00

Celebrate Stewardship! by Judith and Warren Johnson (The United Church of Canada, 2004). A five-week program with bulletin inserts, letters, and minute messages posted online. *Celebrate Stewardship II* is available online to purchasers of *Celebrate Stewardship!*

200 000 190 \$11.95

Faithful, Hopeful, Loving by Clark Hargus (Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies, 1991). A three-Sunday stewardship emphasis for small membership congregations. Available from CECM (see back cover).

Financial Handbook for Congregations (The United Church of Canada, annual). Procedures for handling and accounting for contributions. Also online at www.united-church.ca/handbooks.

The Narrative Budget: Telling Your Congregation's Mission Story (Canadian Intercultural Stewardship Committee, 1999). Rationale and instructions for transforming a congregational budget from dollar figures to the story of ministries they represent. Includes worksheets and examples.

200 000 096 \$1.00



Opening Doors: Inviting Generosity (36-minute VHS or DVD). A training video for every-member stewardship visitation. Shows what the “ask” involves and what words to use with church members. Can also be borrowed from AVEL. Use with *Stewardship Visitation*.

VHS 800 001 481 \$10.95
DVD 800 001 482 \$15.95

PAR Resources

See www.united-church.ca/funding/par for information on this program. Order PAR posters, brochures, cards, information sheets, and bulletin inserts from UCRD.

Stewardship Visitation: Opening Doors to Generosity (The United Church of Canada, 2003). A six-page guide to every-household visitation. Explains the benefits and principles, plus the responsibilities of all members of the visitation committee. Use with *Opening Doors*.

200 000 185 \$1.50

Year-Round Congregational Stewardship Plan (The United Church of Canada, 2007). Includes assumptions and principles, a month-by-month plan for ongoing preparation (education), asking, and accountability, plus suggestions for metrics and evaluation. Available at www.united-church.ca/files/exploring/stewardship/stewardshipplan.rtf or contact CECM (see back cover).

Your Congregational Stewardship Committee Guide (The United Church of Canada, 2006). Description of committee responsibilities and seasonal action plan.

200 000 098 no charge (shipping charges apply)

Congregational Operational Plan Using Resources in This Brochure

- 1. Gifts and assets assessment:** Who are we, and what do we have to offer (clues to mission)?
- 2. Vision for mission:** Based on gifts and assets, what is God calling us to do with what God has given us?
- 3. Narrative budget:** A spending plan based on the ministries identified in the vision for mission.
- 4. Annual financial response program:** Emphasize proportional giving, with annual estimates. Various approaches are outlined at www.united-church.ca/local/congfinance/commitment.
- 5. Budget and accountability:** Implement procedures for responsible handling and accounting for the congregation's financial gifts.
- 6. Multiple opportunities for giving:** Special offerings for M&S, emergency relief, special projects, planned giving, and PAR.
- 7. THANK donors!**

Per-capita giving in United Churches with these stewardship best practices averaged 45 percent higher than the national average per-capita giving (Fullerton, 2008).

Stewardship Connects to All Aspects of Church Life

Stewardship is how we live out being followers or disciples of Jesus, as individuals and as churches. It is an ongoing conversion process of daily decisions that both reflect and affect our relationship with God and all others, including the earth. It relates to all that we are, do, and have, both individually and in community.

Worship In worship, we celebrate God's generosity and grace with praise and gratitude. When we hear God's Word in the worshipping community it challenges us and nourishes us to live God's love in God's world during the week. In worship, we embody our gratitude in concrete practice of generosity, as we offer time, talents, and money in support of the ministries to which God calls our congregation and the whole United Church. Preach stewardship every Sunday, because those implications are in every text we preach!

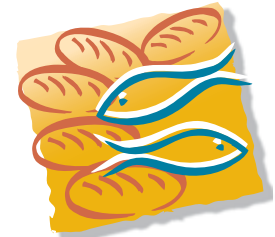
Learning As we grow in faith, disciples of Jesus experience an identity shift from consumer to steward. Attitudes, understandings, and expectations change. Stewards make life-giving choices that lead to new habits, new disciplines, and new ways of living. Nurture stewards of all ages!

Congregational Life An effective stewardship strategy requires clarity about identity and mission (purpose). What is God calling the congregation to be and do at this point in time? If the congregation is clear about who it is as a community of faith and its reason for being, people will be excited about that mission and, if explicitly invited to do so, will commit to it their gifts of time, talent, and financial support. Asset-based and appreciative inquiry processes work well to identify the congregation's gifts and assets (including financial) as clues to the mission God is inviting the church to do with these gifts.

Outreach Stewardship and justice ministries intersect in outreach opportunities to share and connect with community ministries, other agencies, and the work of the wider church.

Leadership Development Offer leadership opportunities to youth and people who have recently come to your church. Include training and support, such as sessions on stewardship education and gifts discernment in classes for seekers/inquirers, adherents, and youth confirmation.

Administration, Finance, and Accountability Often the area of church life labelled "stewardship," this is where the effects become apparent in increased generosity when stewards are nurtured in all of the above areas. This is the domain of stewardship and finance committees, where the church carries out its ministries of fundraising and accountability for money raised to finance participation in God's mission. Sustainable, healthy community for mission is the goal.



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