

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

Guiding you through your fall stewardship Appeal.

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A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR CONGREGATIONS SEEKING TO:

- Stabilize and grow financial giving
- Teach Biblical stewardship principles
- Help members discover generosity
- Build building a foundation for a generous culture

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS WILL RECEIVE:

- An easily implemented program designed to stimulate generosity
 - ◆ Professionally designed, adaptable materials
 - ◆ Letter templates for the stewardship drive
- Six virtual, live training events with a GSB Consultant to guide congregations through a sound stewardship appeal
- Clear tactics for sharing information and inspiration about your congregation's ministry
- 1:1 guidance from your GSB Consultant
- At least 7 videos teaching the principles of this program
- The ability to achieve a strong financial response even in uncertain times
- 3 copies of Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity, by GSB Partner Michael Ward, published by Fortress Press.

2022 Schedule

June 2 @10am
INFORMATION ZOOM

July–August
REGISTRATION

Late August
VIRTUAL SESSION #1
Building Blocks for Generosity

Early September
VIRTUAL SESSION #2
An Effective, Inspiring Stewardship Appeal

Late September
VIRTUAL SESSION #3
Sharing Stories of Generosity, Achieving a Strong Response (Part 1)

Mid-October
VIRTUAL SESSION #4
Achieving a Strong Response (Part 2)

Early November
VIRTUAL SESSION #5
Sharing Results and an Effective Follow-Up

Late November
VIRTUAL SESSION #6
Finishing the Year Strong



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EXPECTED RESULTS AND PROGRAM COST

The program aims for participating congregations to see at least a 5-10% increase above 2021 actual revenue. At the same time, this program will assist in maximizing 2022 year-end giving.

Program Cost: The full cost of the program is \$450. The ELCA Churchwide Organization is partnering with your synod and GSB in this program and offering \$200 off for each congregation. You are asked to tithe 10% of the increase to your synod.

** This program could qualify for a Thrivent Action Team grant (up to \$250) as it is an educational opportunity. Contact Thrivent Financial for details.*

LEARN MORE

There will be an informational Zoom session on June 2 at 10am where you can hear more and ask questions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89725766931?pwd=TTROK3lMSjN1MFJ5N01JekVKZkQ0Zz09>

REGISTRATION

Yes, we accept your invitation to join *Building a Culture of Generosity!*

All registration is done online at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wh6Nev27Xa>

Your registration is not complete until you have paid your registration fee of \$250 through Tith.ly (including covering the fees for that transaction).

OR by check to

Northeastern Ohio Synod
1890 Bailey Road
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
Memo: BCG

Here is what one stewardship leader had to say about participation in BCG 2020:

"We can't thank you enough for the guidance and direction on supporting our 2021 Stewardship Drive. Our results well-exceeded our expectations and is a testament to the fantastic program you offered to us. To date, pledges are 44% higher than last year totaling an increase in estimated giving of close to \$61,000! As a way to give back, we are asking the synod to keep the \$450 investment, and as well, we have increased our estimated percentage for Mission Support by a full percentage point."

This comes from stewardship leader Angie Haston at Advent Lutheran Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This happened not just during the pandemic, but also with an interim pastor.

ADDITIONAL STEWARDSHIP HELP

Across the country GSB works with congregations through *Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS)*, a comprehensive stewardship program designed to fully create a culture of generosity.

Congregations in their first year of SAS normally increase revenue by 10-15% and often much more than that. A far more personalized program with congregations who commit for a full year or more, SAS provides a deep dive into growing generosity in the church. If you are interested in this program, new cohorts are being launched.