

BEGINNING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



Guiding you through your fall stewardship appeal.

A SERVICE OF GSB AND THE SAINT PAUL AREA SYNOD

A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR CONGREGATIONS SEEKING TO:

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

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS WILL RECEIVE:

- An easily implemented program designed to stimulate generosity even through national economic uncertainty
 - ◆ 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.

2020 Schedule

May–July
REGISTRATION

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 goal of the program is for participating congregations to stabilize 2020 giving to 2019 (pre-coronavirus) levels with the potential for modest growth in 2021.

Program cost:

\$450 per congregation, due with registration

** This program could qualify for Thrivent Action Team grants (a \$250 value). Contact a Thrivent Financial member for details.*

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly or type your information here on the PDF and save it on your computer. Then print and mail to Saint Paul Area Synod 105 University Ave W, St. Paul MN 55103

CONGREGATION NAME

CITY

CONTACT PERSON NAME

EMAIL

SEND BOOKS TO

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Please enclose a check to Saint Paul Area Synod for \$450 to fully cover the cost of this program.

For more information, contact Rev. Justin Grimm, justin.grimm@elca.org, (651) 224-4313

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 that 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 contact Rev. Justin Grimm at the Synod Office.

Here is what one pastor said in response to how SAS helped them during the first weeks of the national shut-down surrounding Covid 19:

"We are definitely much more prepared for a crisis like we find ourselves in today because of the work we have been doing in Stewardship for All Seasons. People are investing in our mission, not giving to save a church. We are telling our story to reflect the impact we are making. This past Sunday, giving was really strong, even though the governor ordered us to not meet in person for worship. We are blessed that we made the decision to join SAS two years ago."

**Pastor Jonathan Bull St. Paul
Lutheran Church, Westerville, Ohio**

