

Stewardship

Required Reading

Stewards of God's Love www.ELCA.org/growingstewards

Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation by Charles R. Lane Fortress Press 2006

Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life by Mark Allan Powell Eerdmans 2006

Suggested Reading

Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton Abingdon Press 2009

Not Your Parent's Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship by J. Cliff Christopher Abingdon Press 2008

Websites:

ELCA Stewardship: www.ELCA.org/stewardship

Stewardship for the 21st Century: www.luthersem.edu/stewardship

Stewardship of Life Institute: www.stewardshipoflife.org

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship: www.tens.org/

Ecumenical Stewardship Center: <http://www.stewardshipresources.org>

Course Description:

Stewardship will

1. Create understanding that Stewardship is about Faith Raising Not Fundraising
2. Build a foundation for stewardship education and response
3. Train leaders in a holistic year round approach to stewardship
4. Train leaders to carry out a thorough financial stewardship response effort
5. Create enthusiasm and excitement for stewardship

Session 1: Bring with you a copy of your congregation's Vision and Mission Statement, the most recent Annual Report, and Number of households in your congregation by zip code.

Review will be made of above. Nutrient 1 Readiness will be covered. Assignment: interview members of congregation to get level of commitment to Year Round Program. See handout for Survey 1 Write a personal money autobiography: see Handouts

Session 2: Nutrients 2 Faith and Education and 3 Mission Interpretation will be covered. Assignment Read Ask, Thank, Tell and write a two page summary of what you learned

Session 3: Nutrient 4 Giving and Response Methods and 5 Year Round Stewardship: The Why Who and How. Cover Competencies for Stewardship. See Handout. Assignment: Complete a rough draft using the year round chart for goals for your congregation for year round stewardship.