

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEWARK

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Facilitated Meetings

Cynthia and a group of lay leaders comprise the Stewardship Teaching Team. Members are available to meet with individual parishes, vestries, stewardship committees to help you work through stewardship challenges at the parish level. Recent parish-specific meeting topics have included: Stewardship Best Practices; Vestry Retreats, Asset Mapping; Spiritual Gift Assessment; Planned Giving; Narrative Budgeting. Meetings are currently being conducted exclusively via Zoom. Contact Cynthia at cmcchesney@dioceseofnewark.org to discuss what might work best for your congregation.

Workshops

The Stewardship Teaching Team regularly presents workshops at diocesan gatherings. The next Stewardship Workshop (*Using Communications to Address Today's Stewardship Challenges*) will be held this Saturday at Church Leader University. You can still register: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/form/registration-church-leader-university>

Newsletter: *Stewardship Matters*

We email a bimonthly (sometimes more frequent) newsletter under the banner *Stewardship Matters* to subscribers. Each issue provides spiritually-grounded, practical advice to help you successfully meet today's stewardship challenges. To get on the list, send an email with name, church and email address to cmcchesney@dioceseofnewark.org with "Stewardship Matters" in the subject line. Appropriate people to receive: anyone in a parish interested in Stewardship, so that would include clergy, wardens, Stewardship chair, Stewardship team, vestry.

Resources on the Diocesan Website

The Stewardship section of the website is found under "For Congregations and Clergy" on the home navigation bar, or here: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/stewardship>. Specific Covid-19 Stewardship materials are being collected here: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/covid-19/stewardship>

Stewardship Matters Facebook Page and Private Group

We host a Facebook Page dedicated to Stewardship. Check it out <https://www.facebook.com/stewardshipmattersEDN>. To join the Private Facebook Group, contact me at cmcchesney@dioceseofnewark.org.

OTHER RESOURCES

TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship <https://www.tens.org/>)

The Diocese is a member of TENS, an association of church leaders, both lay and ordained, “who are committed to living generously and helping others live lives of generosity.” All churches in the Diocese can access member resources, which include creative materials for the annual pledge campaign. To access TENS membership materials, go to the home page and click on “Resources,” and follow the links. User: 1PETER, and password: FOUR:10

Episcopal Church Foundation

The Episcopal Church Foundation is an independent, lay-led organization that helps congregations, dioceses and other Episcopal communities of faith engage in visioning and planning, develop leadership and raise and manage resources for ministry. A number of Stewardship Resources are gathered here: <https://www.ecfvp.org/topics/topics/2/stewardship>, as well as webinars, planned giving, etc.

Online Giving: Vanco Payments

Many of the churches (and the Diocese itself) use Vanco Payments as an online giving platform. Sign up is easy. For more information, reach out to Peter Johnson, Giving Sales Advisor, Vanco Payments. Email: peter.johnson@vancopayments. Phone: 612-889-3418.

Further Reading

Interested in some inspiring summer reading about Stewardship? Here are some recommended books:

Clif, Christopher J., *Not Your Parents Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship*, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2015.

LaFond, Charles, *Fearless Church Fundraising: The Practical and Spiritual Approach to Stewardship*, Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 2013.

Lane, Charles R., *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation*, Augsburg Books. 2006.

McKenzie, Scott, *Generosity Rising: Lead a Stewardship Revolution in Your Church*, Nashville: Abingdon Press. 2016.

Nouwen, Henri, *The Spirituality of Fundraising*, Nashville: Upper Room Books. 2011.