YEAR ROUND STEWARDSHIP
Talking about money when you’re not asking for it

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Strengthens the leadership and financial capabilities of Episcopal congregations, dioceses and communities of faith to pursue their mission and ministry.

“What is Stewardship?”

a. The “annual pledge” campaign
b. A general term for the many ways we fund the mission and ministry of the church
c. Making prudent decisions about the church budget
d. A churchy term for “fundraising”
e. All of the above
f. None of the above
Using the gifts we’ve been given to do the work God is calling us to do...

At the core of our identity

- Post communion prayer
- Baptismal covenant
- Great Commandment
Stewardship = Church fundraising

Time honored traditions

• Painful 3-5 week period in the fall
• Rely on notions of obligation and need
• Get someone else to do it
• Get over quickly so you can get back to spiritual matters
So what’s the problem?

• Doesn’t work
• Don’t do either very well
• We leave a vital part of our formation off the table
• Perpetuate a disconnect between money and spiritual life
Why are we reluctant to talk about money?

Jesus did.
Major part of our lives.

If we don’t…
We don’t manage our money very well...

Impacts our health.
...and our relationships

Even our attitudes about giving.
Who owns who?

Yet it’s the doorway to the Abundant Life
YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #1
Separate Stewardship formation from the Annual Campaign

YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #2
Teach Giving as a Spiritual Practice
YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #3
Plan a Stewardship Formation calendar

Example:

• January – Health, Wellness
• Lent – Simpler Living
• April – Abundant Living/Budgeting
• Spring – Time & Talent
• Summer – The Environment
• Advent – Faith & Finances

YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #4
Faith & finances classes
YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #4
Small group/Book studies
YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #5
Join Stewardship Networks

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #6
Communicate Year Round

- Thank you messages
- Service and giving spotlights
- Focus on ministry impact
- Stewardship living tips or practices
- Newsletters and social media
YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #6
Preach it!

YEAR ROUND PRACTICE #7
Write your Money Autobiography
Books

Your Money or Your Life: 9 Steps to Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Achieving Financial Independence
by Vicki Robin
Link: http://amzn.com/0143115766

Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective
by Michael Schut
Link: http://amzn.com/0819223697

Money and Faith: The Search for Enough
by Michael Schut
Link: http://amzn.com/0819223271

Money, Purpose, Joy: The Proven Path to Uncommon Financial Success
by Matt Bell
Link: http://amzn.com/1600062792

A Spirituality of Fundraising (Henri Nouwen Spirituality)
by Henri J.M. Nouwen
Link: http://amzn.com/0835810445

One Minute Stewardship Sermons
by Charle Cloughen
Link: http://amzn.com/0819217204

Programs & DVDs

Living WiSely (TENS)
http://www.tens.org/resources/free-resources/free-resources-blog/living-wisely

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Membership Kit 2012
by Dave Ramsey
Link: http://amzn.com/1938400003

Freed-Up Financial Living Ministry Leader's Kit (Good Sense)
by Dick Towner
Link: http://amzn.com/074419623X

Affluenza DVD ~ Scott Simon Link: http://amzn.com/B0009X3IDY

Escape From Affluenza DVD ~ Wanda Urbanska Link: http://amzn.com/B0009WYVUY

Online Resources

The Episcopal Church Foundation
http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)
http://www.tens.org/

The Episcopal Church Office for Stewardship
http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/stewardship

Good Sense Movement
http://goodsensemovement.org/

The Faith & Money Network
http://www.faithandmoneynetwork.org/

Additional Resources

Year Round Stewardship Planning Matrix (Diocese of Olympia)


Time & Talent Discernment Questionnaire (St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego Diocese)
http://stpaulcathedral.org/files/brochure%204page%20revised_6.pdf

Money Autobiographies
http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/livingwisely


Budgeting Tools, Forms and Worksheets
http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/livingwisely

http://www.gailvazolade.com/
UPCOMING WEB CONFERENCES:

• Vestry Orientation: Feb. 18th
• Basics of Endowment: Mar. 6th
• Communications for Episcopal Leaders: Mar. 6th
• Debt: Its Impact & What to Do: Mar. 12th
• Leading Major Change: Apr. 8th

For more: www.episcopalfoundation.org Click “Events”

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