



STEWARD TIPS

Part of our stewardship ministry is to assist individuals and congregations with the development of financial strategies that will help them to be good stewards of the resources that God has given them. This issue of “Steward Tips” focuses on an ELCA Stewardship Webcast and on stewardship resources for you and your congregation.

Central/Southern Illinois Synod

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ELCA Stewardship Webcast

March 4, 2017

Congregational stewardship leaders are invited to participate in the ELCA Stewardship webcast on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 10:30am—12noon. This year’s webcast focuses on “bright spots” across the Church and you will hear practitioners tell their stories about God’s abundance.

Presentation

Live and Give Generously

If Stewardship is Boring, Something’s Missing

Growing Giving Online

Nurturing Generosity in the Home

Presenter

Rev. Taryn Montgomery
Western North Dakota

Rev. Greg Meyer
Minneapolis, MN

Mr. Richard Bauer
Minneapolis, MN

Ms. Linda Staats
Phoenix, AZ

No advance registration is required to participate online for this free webcast. On March 4, go to <http://www.elca.org/stewardship> and click on the box titled “stewardCast2017”. You will be connected immediately.

You also have the option of participating live onsite at the ELCA headquarters, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL. Onsite participants need to be present by 10:00am. A lunch will be served and attendees can engage in conversation with the presenters and other attendees. Following lunch, Vanco, a company that offers electronic giving options, will offer a workshop, which will conclude by 3:00pm. There is no fee to attend the event in Chicago.

To register for the onsite event, please contact: Neil Bullock at neil.bullock@elca.org or (773) 380-2884.

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STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES & SERVICES

FOR YOU AND YOUR CONGREGATION

THE MISSION INVESTMENT FUND (MIF)

www.mif.elca.org

The Mission Investment Fund makes loans to ELCA congregations and related ministries for building projects and land purchases. To provide funds for the loans, the Mission investment Fund offers an array of investments for congregations, their members, and ELCA-related ministries.

CHURCH BUILDING CONSULTANTS

The Mission Investment Fund Church Building Consultants help congregations assess building needs so that facilities effectively support their mission. Church Building Consultants help ministries develop financial plans for new projects, review drawings and construction contracts, recommend sustainable building practices, and assess in-process construction projects. They are also available to discuss steps in a building project including funding options such as Mission Investment Fund loans.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SERVICES

The Mission Investment Fund Capital Campaign Services strengthens ELCA congregations by helping them raise funds and experience renewal in mission. We offer professional capital campaign consulting services for congregations that want to raise funds for a building project, debt reduction, or expanded ministry. As a ministry of the ELCA, MIF Capital Campaign Services provides exceptional value to ELCA congregations. We achieve professional results at a fraction of the cost of other campaign service providers. We use a time-tested proven program rooted in biblical stewardship principles that inspires generosity and teaches the joy of giving. Prayer and Scripture are at the heart of the program.

ELCA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

www.elcafcu.org

The ELCA Federal Credit Union is a cooperative financial institution rooted in your faith community. Open exclusively to ELCA members, employees of synods, congregations and other ELCA-related ministries, the Credit Union shares your values and allows you to bank the socially responsible way. Services include: loans, credit cards, checking, savings and CDs.

THE ELCA FOUNDATION

www.elca.org/foundation

If your congregation wants to build upon its legacy of generosity for the future, one way to achieve that includes establishing a mission endowment fund. To learn more, you can order "How to Create a Mission Endowment Fund", which provides a systematic approach with guidelines adaptable to your congregation's unique needs. In addition, the ELCA Foundation has professional gift-planning staff who can assist your congregation in establishing a mission endowment fund. The ELCA Foundation can also lead planned-giving presentations and meet with congregational leaders to provide support for stewardship education.

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

www.elca.org/Resources/Stewardship

Stewardship, in its simplest form, is the practice of generosity. It is essential to the daily expression of our faith. The ELCA has many resources in the following categories: Personal and Household Stewardship; Congregational Stewardship; Steward Leaders; Mission Support; and Growing Stewards. Many of the resources are available as free downloads.