



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 “Digital Giving Made Easy”; a “ELCA StewardNet Webinar” and “Stewardship Resources for You and Your Congregation”.

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Digital Giving Made Easy

Technology continues to change the world. The purpose of this article is to provide information about technological advancements in the area of e-giving and is not to be construed as an endorsement of a particular company and/or stewardship practice.

Generational differences have caused differences in giving patterns among some church members. Advancements in digital technology have caused some congregations to consider electronic giving options. This article describes some options that are available to congregations. Church leaders are invited to explore ways best suited for their context.

Vanco Payment Solutions

Vanco began in Minneapolis in 1998 (and was acquired by Veracity Payment Solutions in 2007) and became Vanco Payment Solutions in 2015. It is one of the larger companies serving more than 30,000+ clients and processes \$13.1 billion in transactions per year. It offers giving apps for Apple and Android users; giving kiosks, as well as Mobile card and desktop readers. Prices vary depending upon volume. For details, call (800) 675-7430 or visit www.vancopayments.com.

Givelify

Givelify provides free apps to download and is free for users. There are no monthly or sign-up fees. The basic cost is 2.9% + \$.30 per transaction to the congregation, which means that if a member gives a gift of \$100, the church actually receives \$96.80. All donations are deposited on the next business day. Phone and email technical support are available. Call (317) 663-3088 or visit www.givelify.com for details.

Easytithe

Easytithe provides online giving, mobile apps, text giving, and giving kiosks, which are free to users, but congregations absorb the costs on a sliding fee schedule based on volume. Fees range from 1.99%-2.6% + \$.30 per transaction. Visit www.easyTithe.com or call (888) 788-4843 for details.

Subsplash

Subsplash packages start at \$99 per month, however you have to go online to request a quote. You may visit www.Subsplash.com or call (206) 965-8090.

Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly provides giving by cash, check, ACH bank transfer (e-check) and/or by credit or debit card. For details, visit www.Tithe.ly or call (424) 228-8870.



“How Mission Support Supports Our mission”

ELCA Webcast, August 24, 2017, 3:00—4:00 p.m.

You are invited to participate in the next ELCA stewardTalk Webcast on Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Victoria Flood, ELCA Director for Mission Support, will be the featured presenter and the topic will be “How Mission Support Supports Our Mission”. You may participate in the webinar by way of several ways:

By computer: visit <https://zoom.us/j/486825786>

By iPhone: one-tap: +14086380968, 486825786#

By Android: one-tap +6465588656, 486825786#

By landline: 1.408.638.0968 or 1.646.558.8656; the meeting ID is 486 825 786.

You are welcome to invite congregational steward leaders to participate individually or as a group.

Stewardship Resources For You and Your Congregation

The following stewardship resources are easy-to-read and follow:

Our Stewardship: Managing Our Assets by John L. Golv, Augsburg Fortress (2002)

This book looks at why your congregation has the gifts it has and how to use these gifts well. Resources include: a Property Checklist; a Liability Insurance Checklist; a Financial Assets Checklist; and a sample Endowment Policy.

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

“In the Bible, all stewardship, including financial stewardship, is an intensely spiritual matter. It lies close to the heart of people’s relationship with Jesus.” Lane gives biblically grounded practical advice that, if followed, would transform the church.

Giving to God: The Bible’s Good News about Living a Generous Life by Mark Allan Powell, Eerdmans Publishing (2006)

Powell presents stewardship as an act of worship, an expression of faith, and a discipline for spiritual growth. Faithful use of our time, talents, and money starts with a deep, satisfying relationship with the God to whom we belong.

Free downloadable resources at www.ELCA.org/resources/stewardship.

Under the “Leadership” tab:

The Celebrate Generosity Stewardship Program by Eugene Grimm (2005,2006)

Stewardship Life & Ministry Values: A Readiness Tool

Step by Step: Fostering Financial Stewardship in Your Congregation by Michael Meier (2001)

Providing for God’s Mission in the 21st Century

Try-A-Tithe Sunday

Year ‘round Planning Calendar for Growing Stewards in Your Congregation

Under the “Finances” tab:

Personal Financial Planning 1 (personal budget worksheet) and 2 (personal net worth sheet)

Your Offering at Work