

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

The resources of GSB's professional development services are being provided for this program thanks to a special relationship with the Central/Southern Illinois Synod.

The purpose of Stewardship For All Seasons (SAS) is to guide rostered ministers and congregational leaders to learn tried and true basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs. Learn how to do year-round, on-going stewardship resulting in more money for ministry, more energized stewards, and a culture of generosity. **RELY ON MORE THAN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL. THINK STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT.**

BENEFITS OF STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

- › Prepare your congregation's story
- › Educate people to tell that story
- › Focus attention on your congregation's mission
- › Inspire people to give generously
- › Learn tools and methods that really work
- › Build a team that enjoys leading stewardship efforts
- › Become confident and skilled in stewardship development
- › Apply biblical principles to gain more resources for mission
- › Experience the joy of asking and giving
- › Avoid searching for the latest hot stewardship program
- › Increase annual giving by 10 – 20% or more each year

COVENANTS:

Congregations participating in SAS will sign a covenant that outlines responsibilities and expectations of the congregation and the synod.

FIRST YEAR DATES

- › **March** - Congregations approve and sign-up team
- › **May** - First meeting of all rostered ministers and at least one member of SAS team from each congregation meet with consultant
- › **Summer** - Electronic meeting with consultant, congregational council and SAS team to discuss process and goal setting
- › **August** - Meeting #2 with consultant
- › **September** - Meeting #3 with consultant
- › **October-November** - Individual electronic consultations
- › **October-November** - Congregational appeals conducted
- › **November** - Meeting #4 with consultant
- › **January** - Meeting #5 for consultant
- › **February** - Meeting #6 with consultant
- › **March** - Meeting #7 with consultant



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COVENANT

Between the Central/Southern Illinois Synod and

Congregation _____

City _____

Rostered Minister _____

Email _____

Lay Leader _____

Email _____

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from May 2022 through April 2024 our congregation agrees to remit \$1,750 in 2022 and \$2,550 in 2023 to participate. This reduction from the full annual cost of \$3,300 reflects the support of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod.

Congregation

Date

Synod

Date

IN ADDITION TO OUR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, WE AGREE TO:

- › Faithfully attend all SAS meetings
- › Participate fully in implementing SAS strategies into our congregation.
- › Report results to the C/SIS Synod Office of the Bishop and Consultants
- › Share stories as requested so that others may learn from our participation
- › Provide funds needed to pay for printing of annual appeal materials
- › Complete financial reports as requested by the Consultants and/or the Office of the Bishop
- › Share 10% of our increased revenue (as a result of this program) as Synodical Mission Support

THE SYNOD PROMISES TO:

- › Invest in congregations by providing funds to defray their costs for this process
- › Pray for each congregation in this effort
- › Provide the resources of GSB Fundraising to guide you through this effort
- › Communicate regularly to keep you fully informed of what is taking place for SAS

GSB PROMISES TO:

- › Be present for seven Zoom Cohort sessions per year with Congregational Stewardship teams as well as one individual session with Congregation Council
- › Provide unlimited responses by email and phone to stewardship teams as needed between each meeting
- › Provide up to two virtual sessions per congregation per year for thorough review of material and coaching
- › Provide the services of a professional graphic designer for annual appeal materials

