

## The Stewardship Ministry Team

Congregations need lay leadership with a passion for holistic stewardship. Implementing a year round financial stewardship culture requires communication/coordination with all leadership and work areas/committees.

### **PERSONAL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Promoting personal financial stewardship**

- Good \$ense/Freed-Up Financial Living and other personal finance classes
- Tax and Retirement Seminars (clergy)
- Debt Counseling (coming soon...)

#### **Promoting annual charitable giving**

- Tithing and proportional giving
- Becoming a wise donor and maximizing our assets
- Explore diverse giving options

#### **Promoting planned giving as a living legacy**

- Wills and Bequests (legacy building)
- What can I give? (stocks, insurance, property)
- Legacy Vehicles: Gift Annuities (life income with tax benefits), Charitable Remainder Trusts, Donor Advised Funds and more

#### **FOUR FUNDAMENTALS OF STEWARDSHIP**

- ◆ All creation belongs to God, we are called to be thankful!
- ◆ God partners with us to care for all creation. We are God's stewards.
- ◆ God's priority is the poor, and as God's stewards, we focus on God's priorities.
- ◆ The quality of our stewardship matters - today and tomorrow.

## The Pastor's Role

Financial stewardship is a spiritual activity and pastors provide key leadership and encouragement for the congregation's stewardship ministry. Pastoral support and access to resources greatly improves the congregation's stewardship efforts.

### **CONGREGATIONAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Stewardship of Finances & Budget Management**

- Narrative Budgets tell the Story
- Financial Assessments/Inventories
- Gift and Fund Policies
- Affirming Donors and Maximizing Giving Opportunities

#### **Stewardship of Current Assets and Resources**

- Endowments and Investment Policies
- Socially Responsible Investing Options and Education
- Investment Choices and Management

#### **Preparing for Future Planned Gifts**

- A Multi-Year Development Plan
- Communication Resources – Telling the Story
- Holistic Year Round Stewardship

#### **SERVICES DESCRIPTION**

- ◆ Training and coaching on listed topics or customized themes
- ◆ Referrals/resources for stewardship education, literature, videos and curriculum
- ◆ Congregational self-assessment and stewardship ministry development
- ◆ Planned Giving eNewsletter offered in an introductory or professional format
- ◆ Curriculum rebates and program facilitators
- ◆ Grants and special offers for stewardship initiatives/partnerships