

# Stewardship

Web-based Resources

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*Make all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.*

—John Wesley

## [www.pcuusa.org/ stewardship](http://www.pcuusa.org/stewardship)

### *Denominational Resources*

At this site you can find general information and guidance, themes to work with to fit your congregational needs, worship and workshop information (sermons, a PowerPoint presentation, a Bible study, bulletin inserts, and a sample year-end letter and so on), clip art, success stories and Presbyterian resources.

*Stewardship: Magazine for Congregational Leaders* was sent to each congregation in July/Aug. This year's issue includes: a sermon, a Bible study, worship resources, children's resources and articles: developing a narrative budget, consumerism, tithing, fundraising vs. funding ministry, sacrifice.

## [www.generousgiving.org](http://www.generousgiving.org)

This is an extensive site with classic art work, poetry, scriptures, quotations, music, sermons and sermon illustrations, statistics and trends, PowerPoint presentations as well as information about their publications and conferences. It offers a lot of biblical content: characters, key verses, biblical theology. It also has a "research library" linking you to articles with these categories: The World and Its Money, The Church and Its Money, The Biblical Case for Giving, The Cultivation of Giving, The Business of Giving, and The Joy of Giving. FYI, some of the links have expired.

## [www.stewardshipresources.org](http://www.stewardshipresources.org)

The Ecumenical Stewardship Center: A Network of Growing Stewards site. They sponsor seminars and conferences, produce theme materials each year, publish a few books, a journal and a yearly magazine.

## <http://buildingchurchleaders.stores.yahoo.net>

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*These two resources help churches teach people about managing personal finances:*

## <http://www.crown.org>

Crown Ministries, a 30 year-old non-profit organization offers materials for individual/home use (software, books, workbooks) and church use (DVD's, leader guides, books). Send one or more representatives from your church to a training seminar to get your church started in being able to offer sound, biblically based financial guidance to individuals, small groups or workshops.

## <http://www.goodsenseministry.com/>

Willow Creek offers seminars, DVD kits for classes (\$124 for non-Willow Creek Association members) and another for small groups (\$24 for non-members) as well as a training program so that your church can offer free financial guidance to those in financial trouble (\$150 for non-members).

## [www.thelivingstewardship.com](http://www.thelivingstewardship.com)



### *The Living Stewardship Program*

This is a **four-week program** that is low-key, clear, and simple. It requires just 3-4 people to implement it. It "relies on the message to inspire rather than on organizational effort." It has two themes from which to choose. It has effectively encouraged increased giving in

many congregations. *Kit includes:* custom printed personal guides, custom printed offering cards, three beautiful and inspiring brochures: one for each of the three packets used in the program, a self-stick label for each packet; it goes on the front of your church envelope to help get your mail opened and read, envelopes that members use to return offering cards, student cards as needed, colorful posters for the church.

Downloadable kit: \$19.95

Printed kit: \$39.95

## [http://](http://www.stewardshipconnection.com)

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This is a stewardship site hosted by ELCA Stewardship Specialist Dr. Eugene Grimm. There are articles, book suggestions with his specific comments, Lutheran sermons and even a stewardship musical (\$45). There is also a free downloadable four-week Bible-based program which focuses on God's generosity and our generous response to God.