

## STEWARDSHIP

Healthy Communities of Faith know that stewardship is, at its heart, about relationship. People are most generous when they feel **inspired** by the story of their community, clearly **invited** into shared purpose, and genuinely **thanked** for the ways they give.



Stewardship rooted in guilt or pressure doesn't sustain faith or community. What does sustain us are stories: stories of lives touched, ministries growing, and people discovering that their gifts of time and money truly matter. When people see how their generosity makes a difference, stewardship becomes an expression of faith rather than an obligation.

Clear and thoughtful invitations help people grow along the generosity pathway: beginning to give, giving regularly, and eventually giving in proportion to their means. This kind of intentional stewardship nurtures spiritual growth, deepens trust in God's abundance, and strengthens the whole community.

Gratitude is essential. Thanking people reminds them they are valued—not taken for granted. Thanks shared in worship, in print, in social media, and personally builds trust and belonging. You really can't say thank you too much.

To support Communities of Faith in this work, [Called to Be the Church: The Journey](#) offers practical and flexible stewardship learning, including Getting Started in Stewardship, Stewardship Best Practices, Congregational Giving Programs, Bequests and Estate Giving, and coming soon, Money and Personal Financial Stewardship. All courses are delivered through CHURCHx, the United Church's online learning platform, and are designed to build confidence, capacity, and a healthier stewardship culture.

Additional free stewardship resources, worship materials, and regional support are available through the [United Church Community of Faith Stewardship](#) website.

Stewardship conversations are most fruitful when they are relational. If your congregation is wondering where to begin, feeling stuck, or simply hoping to deepen generosity in faithful ways, I would be glad to be in conversation with you. We can connect by email or phone (1 249-489-1014), or by booking a virtual appointment with me at your convenience; when you navigate to our [Stewardship Support Booking](#) page, just click next to my name and choose a time that works for you!

Please don't hesitate to reach out for support, ideas, or a listening ear. I look forward to journeying with you as we nurture stewardship that is grounded in gratitude, trust, and hope.

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