

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

INTRODUCTION

The Stewardship Team's purpose is to educate the congregation in the Biblical principles of whole life stewardship and not merely the raising of money to meet budgets. It is a management task. Christian stewards are managers of the gifts God has entrusted to them. Therefore the team should be made up of those who are not primarily responsible for the financial management of the budget. That's why the purpose of your church's stewardship team and the focus of its programs should be to develop well-managed Christian lives. To be effective in this task, the stewardship team itself must be well-organized and disciplined.

Basic prerequisites for membership on an effective stewardship team.

- Mature in their personal commitment to and practice of stewardship of their time, talents, treasure, and testimonies.
- Deeply committed to the mission of the church.
- Regular in attendance at worship and other ministry offerings.
- Understanding of how the dollars and cents of your budget are a vital part of fulfilling Christ's mission through the church.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Open to sharing testimonies about how the ministries of the church change lives.
- Able to work with others
- Open to God's direction for their lives.
- Creative
- Ability to harness multi-media.

Term: Each member's term shall be one year. Each member's term of office is staggered in orderly rotation for continuity of service.

PURPOSE

To serve God through the teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ's through the church in the teaching and development of Christian stewardship to the members and constituents of the congregation and the world.

Authority: This team is given the authority to perform all duties set forth in this job description and to spend within the limits of the adopted budget of the congregation and according to the appropriate line items. This team will function best as a separate team, not as part of other teams. It should meet monthly and report to the Church Board

Accountability: To the Board at its regularly scheduled meetings. To the Congregation annually, and more often as is deemed necessary.

Responsibilities:

- 1 . Study, grow and communicate the understanding of Biblical stewardship as to help members see the relationship between whole-life stewardship and the life of discipleship.
2. Work to help members understand how the budget is the “mission statement” for the church..
3. Develop a year-round emphasis on Stewardship in support of the church mission statement.through various media for all ages.
4. The team helps personalize giving (through newsletters, etc.) so people can see and pray for what their gifts are doing.
5. It analyzes present and past trends in giving so it can advise the board and church members on stewardship matters.
6. Present opportunities for the application of Christian stewardship in the use of time, talent and treasure.
7. It helps people become better acquainted with their spiritual gifts and helps them invest those gifts in the local church ministry.
8. The team promotes the stewardship of accumulated resources through wills and bequests and provides guidelines for receiving major gifts such as stocks.
9. It works with other teams, task forces and organizations in the congregation to help plan and coordinate the stewardship education program for all ages.