



## Stewardship Ministry



The two items mentioned as the subject of this email are linked by the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving of the School of Philanthropy at Indiana University. The General Assembly Mission Council is partnering with the Lake Institute and interested presbyteries to provide training and support for congregations to Create Congregational Cultures of Generosity. Grace Presbytery and Genesee Valley Presbytery have started the program and several others are considering the program. Interested? [Send me an email or give me a call](#) at (800) 728-7228, x5194.

What about congregations under water? In the most recent newsletter from the Lake Institute, Dr. William Enright considers what congregations should do when they are “under water,” meaning they are spending 20 to 30 percent of their annual budget in debt reduction. He says these congregations are caught in an austerity crisis and are “unable to think beyond survival, let alone dream about a tomorrow.” What should they do?

Dr. Enright says they should:

1. Focus on **enhancing the services** they provide for their members and the surrounding community;
2. Strengthen their annual fundraising program by **utilizing best fundraising practices**;
3. Build a major gifts program working with people of vision and generosity to **create special giving opportunities** that will give birth to new programs, breathe life into old bones, and resuscitate hope!

[See the whole article, learn more, or subscribe to the newsletter now.](#)

– Dave Crittenden

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## Two great ideas

Here are [two great stewardship ideas](#) from Tania Haber, pastor of Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, found in the May 2 issue of Stewardship for the 21st Century newsletter from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

One idea involves a six percent increase in pledges to the annual campaign and the other is a concrete way to share time and talents. [Subscribe to Stewardship for the 21st Century](#) for more ideas.

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## Looking for a theme for this year's annual campaign?

New for this year we have: Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity—2 Corinthians 8:1-7. A preview of available companion resources and helpful articles is [available free from the church store](#). Several other themes are [also available here](#) and [you can find additional materials here](#).



## Take part in upcoming stewardship education opportunities



**June 12-14, 2012**

*Symposium on Preaching and Stewardship*

featuring the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, In.

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## For more information on Stewardship Ministry:

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