



## Stewardship Ministry

### *What should a stewardship committee be doing?*



**First:** Download and review the PDF of [Stewardship Manual: A Guide to Year-Round Financial Stewardship Planning](#).

**Second:** Follow the instructions. The Manual says:

“An effective financial stewardship program begins with evaluation following the completion of one year’s education and stewardship program and moves right into plans for the New Year. This manual provides a step-by-step process for leading your congregation in an effective year-round program of financial stewardship growth. Stewardship growth involves not only growth in giving, but also in understanding and commitment to faithful stewardship in all of one’s life. Throughout this manual you will find suggestions for incorporation discipleship education in your program.”

### Activities from the Manual

- Recruit and orient the stewardship committee or task force.
- Appoint individuals or small groups to carry out specific tasks.
- Review the denomination’s [annual stewardship resources](#) and distribute assignments to appropriate small groups.
- Ensure that annual giving statements for the previous year are distributed to church members.



- Prepare an article for the church newsletter reporting on the financial health of the church.
  - Engage in biblical/theological study ([see bibliography](#)).
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### Annual financial stewardship campaign

- Recruit and orient a campaign chairperson and other leaders.
  - Begin making decisions about the method to use for the campaign (pages 11–18 of the manual).
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### Stewardship education

- Develop stewardship education goals and plans for implementation.
- Review new annual stewardship education resources and theme materials.
- Convene a meeting of persons with interests in worship, Christian education, evangelism and mission to introduce new resources and discuss how stewardship can be integrated into their programs.

### *What should the pastor be doing?*

Chick Lane is director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary. He shares his observations about pastors and stewardship [in an issue of his e-newsletter](#). I would commend them to pastors and all stewardship leaders.

May it be so.





**Stewardship Kaleidoscope Annual Stewardship Event**

**Theme: *Gratitude and Generosity: Living the Faith***

**March 12–14**

Location: Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, N.C.



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