

Resources for Mission Support

Lane, Charles, Ask, Thank, Tell, Augsburg Fortress, 2006

Powell, Dr Mark Allen, Giving to God, Eerdmans Publishing, 2006

DVD with 7 sessions with Dr. Mark Allan Powell on stewardship with study guides. Available for loan in the synod office

Dungan, Nathan, Prodigal Sons & Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM, John Wiley & Sons, 2003

Stewardship in the Small Membership Rural Congregation, available through ELCA resources at 800-638-3522, ext 2767

How to Improve Financial Stewardship, available through ELCA resources at 800-638-3522, ext 2767

Meiers, Michael, Step by Step: Fostering Financial Stewardship in your Congregation, available through ELCA resources; also download at ELCA web site under "Stewardship - education"

The Great Permission: An Asset-based Field Guide for Congregations, Augsburg Fortress, 2002. Available through the ELCA web site under "Stewardship"

Golv, John, Our Stewardship: Managing our Assets, Augsburg, 2002

New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program Book, Abingdon Press.

Callahan, Kennon, Giving and Stewardship in an Effective Church, Josey-Bass Publishers, 1992

Kids, Money and Stuff – course for young people age grade 3 – 8 – resources available through ELCA resources at 800-638-3522, ext 2767; the synod office has one copy for review

Christopher, J Clif, Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship, Abingdon Press, 2008

Smith, Christian and Emerson, Michael, Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money, Oxford University Press, 2008

Jamieson, Janet and Philip, Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors, Westminster John Knox Press, 2008

Websites

- Southeastern Minnesota Synod website www.semnsynod.org/stewardship
- ELCA website for stewardship: www.ELCA.org/stewardship
- Stories of Faith in Action: www.ELCA.org/stories – annual publication of the ELCA explaining how God is changing lives through the mission and ministry of the ELCA
- Ecumenical Stewardship Center web site www.stewardshipresources.org
- Gettysburg Seminary in Pennsylvania web site www.stewardshipoflife.org
- ELCA stewardship-oriented sermon starters: www.ELCA.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Stewardship/Stewardship-Now.aspx

- Simply Giving - formerly sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and still endorsed by them, but totally managed by Vanco Services that allows for automatic checking deductions from member checking accounts. www.simplygivingbytfb.com

Money Management

- Money Leadership for Thriving Congregations – ELCA money management workshop series can be used as an overnight retreat, or in six sessions. More information at www.ELCA.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Stewardship/Teaching.aspx
- Financial Peace University – a Christian-based program for money management by Dave Ramsey with a 13-session course for adults, also materials for high school age and children 3-12. See web site at www.daveramsey.com
- Crown Financial Ministries – an adult Christian-based program for money management , also materials for youth, see this web site for information on how to set up a program in your church – crown.org/ForChurch/ChurchManual.aspx
- Good Sense – a Christian-based program for money management from Willow Creek Association with adult money management resources and also youth materials. See web site at www.goodsenseministry.com
- Abundant Living – a Christian-based program for money management with materials. See this web site at www.abundantlivingministry.org

Special “Journey to Macedonia” efforts:

Video contest for 2012 Synod Assembly – The Mission Support Table would invite congregations to submit a 5-minute video of their modern day interpretation of the “Journey to Macedonia” based on the scripture passage from 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 on excelling in generosity. We will award three prizes for the top three submissions for a pizza party in your congregation (\$250 – first, \$150 – second, \$100 – third). Watch the synod web site and other synod communications for information and guidelines.

The Mission Support Table is willing to give congregations up to \$100 grant to support the purchase of materials related to educational efforts on money management and faith practices to be conducted in 2012 in your congregation. See our information on “Money Management” on our synod stewardship web site about possible programs. Congregations must submit their plans and be willing to give us a follow-up report after the sessions have been held. Submit requested grant to Larry Iverson in the synod office.

Synod Resources – for further information - Larry Iverson, Synod Minister, is available to help. Contact him at iverson@semnsynod.org, 507-280-9457, or 800-426-6376 in Minnesota.