

# STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

## COVENANT

Between the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Rostered Minister \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from May 2017 through April 2018 our congregation agrees to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Remit \$1,000 to the Office of the Bishop upon enrollment and 10% of the increase in giving (2018 over 2017 General Fund Giving) to Leading Together in January, 2019 (for congregations with a 2016 average of 150 or larger)

\_\_\_\_\_ Remit \$1,000 to the Office of the Bishop upon enrollment and 10% of the increase in giving (2018 over 2017 General Fund Giving), less the initial \$1000, to Leading Together in January, 2019 (for congregations with a 2016 average under 150)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Synod

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### IN ADDITION TO OUR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, WE AGREE TO:

- › Faithfully attend all SAS meetings
- › Utilize a professional graphic designer in our congregation or separately contract with GSB's designer at a cost of \$675.
- › Participate fully in implementing SAS strategies into our congregation.
- › Report results to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Office of the Bishop and Consultants
- › Share stories as requested so that others may learn from our participation
- › Complete financial reports as requested by the Consultants and/or the Office of the Bishop

### THE SYNOD PROMISES TO:

- › Pray for each congregation in this effort
- › Provide the resources of GSB Fundraising to guide you through this effort
- › Communicate regularly to keep you fully informed of what is taking place for SAS

### GSB PROMISES TO:

- › Be present for seven face-to-face sessions with Congregational Stewardship teams, including one session with Congregation Council
- › Provide unlimited responses by email and phone to stewardship teams as needed between each meeting
- › Provide up to two GoToMeeting sessions per congregation for thorough review of material and coaching



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The resources of GSB's professional development services are being provided for this pilot program thanks to a special relationship with the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

The purpose of Stewardship For All Seasons (SAS) is to guide rostered ministers and congregational leaders to learn tried and true basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs. Learn how to do year-round, on-going stewardship resulting in more money for ministry, more energized stewards, and a culture of generosity. **RELY ON MORE THAN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL. THINK STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT.**

## BENEFITS OF STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

- › Prepare your congregation's story
- › Educate people to tell that story
- › Focus attention on your congregation's mission
- › Inspire people to give generously
- › Learn tools and methods that really work
- › Build a team that enjoys leading stewardship efforts
- › Become confident and skilled in stewardship development
- › Apply biblical principles to gain more resources for mission
- › Experience the joy of asking and giving
- › Avoid searching for the latest hot stewardship program
- › Increase annual giving by 10 - 15% or more each year

## TIMETABLE

- › **March and April 2017** - Congregations approve participation and select teams
- › **May 24** - First meeting of all rostered ministers and at least one member of SAS team from each congregation meet with consultant at Synod Assembly
- › **June** - Electronic meeting with consultant, congregational council and SAS team to discuss process and goal setting
- › **September 7** - First gathering of teams with consultant
- › **August 30 - September 15** - Individual consultations by Skype/GoToMeeting
- › **September 19** - Electronic meeting
- › **Oct 1- Nov 30** - Congregational appeals conducted
- › **January 2018** - Meeting to launch season of evaluation and to review results from fall drive
- › **March 2018** - Meeting to look at special giving options

### COVENANTS:

Congregations participating in the SAS Pilot will sign a covenant that outlines responsibilities and expectations of the congregation and the synod.

### INVESTMENT:

The fee for the program depends on the size of the congregation. For congregations with an average worship attendance of 150 and over, the fee is \$1000 upon enrollment and 10% of the increase in giving. For congregations with an average worship attendance under 150, the \$1000 enrollment fee will be deducted from the 10% of the increase. The increase will be calculated on 2018 General Fund giving compared to 2017 General Fund giving and will be paid into the synodical Leading Together fund in January, 2019.



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