

Are You Ready?

A positive response to three or more of these questions will help indicate if these workshops could help your congregation

- Are people in your congregation uncomfortable talking about money in church?
- Is your congregation stuck in scarcity thinking?
- Has congregational giving been flat or declined?
- Are your leaders uncomfortable asking people to make a financial response?
- Is maintaining the momentum of year-round stewardship a challenge?

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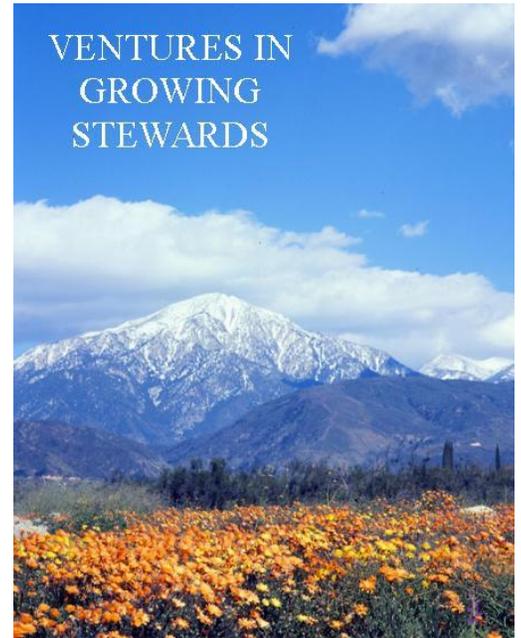
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VENTURES IN
GROWING
STEWARDS

**Ventures in
Growing
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**Growing a
stewardship ministry
in your life and in
your congregation**

Discover Delight in Giving

What Is Ventures?

Ventures in Growing Stewards

is a four-part workshop series that develops a vision and plan for growing stewards through a year-round stewardship ministry.

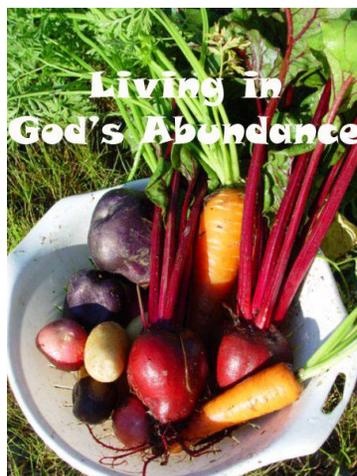
The process is organic, as each congregation develops an approach to fit their context and culture.

With a trained leader provided by the synod, a cluster of congregations journey together for ten months. Each congregation has a team of four to six people. Eight different annual financial response alternatives are provided.

The results have included spiritual renewal, developing a team-based approach to ministry, increases in regular giving, and growth in mission interpretation and support.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

**2 Corinthians 9:8
(NRSV)**



Why Do Ventures?

The basic objectives of the Ventures in Growing Stewards are:

Build a foundation for growing good stewards of all ages.

Ignite personal spiritual growth

Equip congregational leaders in developing a vision for living faith practices

Accompany leaders in planning, implementing and evaluating a year round ministry

Foster stronger relationships within and among communities.

How Does Ventures Work?

The objectives are achieved through a series of four workshops.

Workshop I Six Hours

- Assess current stewardship understanding and culture.
- Introduce Five Essential Nutrients for a holistic approach to a year-round stewardship ministry.
- Learn basic guidelines to effective financial response.

Workshop II Two Hours

- Conduct asset mapping activity and apply results to congregational planning
- Develop a vision for growing stewards and being missional
- Receive training in a financial response method

Workshop III Two Hours

- Explore competencies of a well-formed steward
- Learn stages of steward leader development
- Integrate spoken education principles into activities

Workshop IV Two Hours

- Share results and learnings from annual financial response
- Build a case for Mission Support
- Learn how to develop a Missional - Spending Plan and do Missional Messaging