

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

GUIDING CONGREGATIONS INTO YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

The purpose of **Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS)** is to guide pastors and congregation 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*

The resources of GSB's professional development services are being provided in partnership between your congregation and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

BENEFITS OF STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

- › Develop a shared narrative of your congregation's story of mission
- › Increase effective telling of your congregation's story
- › Focus attention on your congregation's purpose and vision
- › Create a culture of gratitude and generosity
- › Learn proven and time-tested tools and methods that really work
- › Build and equip a team that is skilled in 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
- › Develop a path for holistic financial stewardship development that includes annual giving, capital campaigns, and endowment funds.
- › Receive context-specific recommendations
- › Increase annual giving by 10-20% or more each year

TIMETABLE

- › **January-March 2018** – Congregations approve participation and select teams
- › **May 23, 10 AM-12 PM** – Team Gathering w/ consultant (initial steps toward fall giving appeal)
- › **June-July** – Electronic meeting with consultant, individual congregational councils and SAS teams to discuss process and goal setting
- › **Mid-Late August** – Team Gathering 2 (next step planning for fall giving appeal)
- › **Early September** – Team Gathering 3
- › **October- November** – Congregational fall appeals conducted
- › **Mid October.** – Team Gathering 4
- › **January 2019** – Team Gathering 5
- › **February 2019** – Team Gathering 6
- › **April 2019** – Team Gathering 7

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 is reduced to \$1,900 because of synod partnership. Congregations are also asked to contribute back to the synod 10% of the increased revenue generated to cover the costs associated with this program.

Registration closes May 7

*Earlier registration
appreciated!*



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COVENANT

Between East Central Synod of Wisconsin and

Congregation _____

City _____

Pastor _____

Email _____

Lay Leader _____

Email _____

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from May 2018 through April 2019 our congregation agrees to:

_____ Remit \$1,900 to the ECSW Synod Office to participate

_____ Identify and commission a team of 5-7

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 \$750
- › Participate fully in implementing SAS strategies into our congregation
- › Report results to the ECSW Office of the Bishop and Consultants
- › Share stories as requested so that others may learn from our participation
- › Tithe (10%) of increased giving back to Synod
- › 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 virtual meeting sessions per congregation for thorough review of material and coaching.



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