

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

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

The purpose of Stewardship For All Seasons (SAS) is to guide rostered ministers and congregational leaders to learn proven basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs. Learn how to practice 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 with skills and passion for 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 trendy stewardship program
- › Increase annual giving by 10 – 20% or more each year
- › Join with a cohort of congregations on the stewardship journey

COVENANTS:

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

TIMETABLE

- › **February/March** – Congregations approve and sign-up team
- › **May** – First meeting of all rostered ministers and at least one member of SAS team from each congregation meet with consultant
- › **May/June** – Electronic meeting with consultant, congregational council and SAS team to discuss process and goal setting
- › **August** – Cohort Meeting #2 with consultant
- › **September** – Cohort Meeting #3 with consultant
- › **October-November** – Individual electronic consultations
- › **October-November** – Congregational appeals conducted
- › **November** – Cohort Meeting #4 with consultant
- › **January** – Cohort Meeting #5 with consultant
- › **February** – Cohort Meeting #6 with consultant
- › **March** – Cohort Meeting #7 with consultant



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COVENANT

Between the Minneapolis Area Synod and

Congregation _____

City _____

Rostered Minister _____

Email _____

Lay Leader _____

Email _____

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from May 2025 through April 2026 our congregation agrees to remit \$3100 to the synod to participate.

Signature of Rostered Minister or President

Date

Signature of Director for Evangelical Mission

Date

IN ADDITION TO OUR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, WE AGREE TO:

- › Recruit an SAS team and have at least one team member attend each meeting along with the Rostered Minister.
- › Utilize a professional graphic designer in our congregation or separately contract with GSB's designer at a cost of \$650.
- › Participate fully in implementing SAS strategies into our congregation.
- › Report results to the Synod office and Consultants.
- › Share stories as requested so that others may learn from our participation.
- › Complete financial reports as requested by the Consultants and/or Synod.
- › Pray for the process and other congregations in the SAS Cohort.
- › Work to increase our Synod Mission Support by 10% of our increased revenue as a result of this program.

THE SYNOD PROMISES TO:

- › Have the Synod Staff and Synod Council 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.
- › Be in conversation with each congregation if there is additional financial help needed.

GSB PROMISES TO:

- › Be present for seven virtual sessions per year with Congregational Stewardship teams.
- › Provide unlimited responses by email and phone to stewardship teams as needed between each meeting.
- › Provide up to two virtual sessions per congregation per year for thorough review of material and coaching.

