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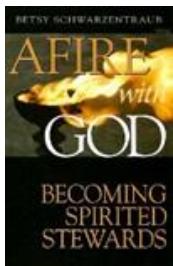


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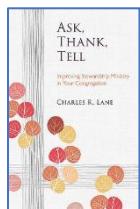
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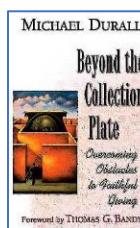
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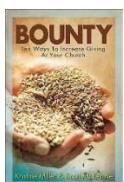
AFIRE WITH GOD: BECOMING SPIRITED STEWARDS (807239) Author: Schwarzentraub, Betsy. The author invites us to rethink our identity and ministry as the body of Christ as it relates to stewardship and urges ministries and congregations to become stewards-in-action of all that God has entrusted to us. Spirited stewards go beyond financial commitments and become living examples of the gospel. Includes in this book are examples for faithful stewardship of the earth, long-range planning ideas, and plans for individual ministry growth. Includes discussion questions for group study. 115 Pages.



ASK, THANK, TELL: IMPROVING STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY IN YOUR CONGREGATION (807062) Author: Lane, Charles. This book is designed especially for use in congregational planning and study. Leaders will come back to three foundational verbs (ask, thank, tell) over and over as they help individuals experience the joy of giving generously. Chapter titles: Discipleship, not membership; It all belongs to God; Money and possessions in the New Testament; Portrait of a biblical giver; Practicing biblical stewardship; Ask: the annual response program; Ask: making the pie larger; Improving how you ask; Thank; Tell; Organizing for your stewardship ministry. 128 Pages.



BEYOND THE COLLECTION PLATE: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO FAITHFUL GIVING (804066) Author: Durall, Michael. Chapter titles: Attitudes toward money in church, alas; Whatever happened to Sunday?; Brother, can you spare a dime?; Making the annual pledge drive obsolete; Who controls the money?; Limiting ministry through fiscal responsibility; High-risk ventures; The cost versus the value of professional leadership; Your congregation's financial identity, for better or worse; Making the most of an endowment. 152 Pages.



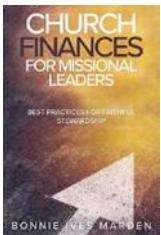
BOUNTY: TEN WAYS TO INCREASE GIVING AT YOUR CHURCH (814071) Author: Miller, Kristine and McKenzie, Scott. This book explores the single most critical aspect of giving -- the spiritual one. By incorporating these practices, you will lead your church family to experience the genuine joy of generosity. 129 Pages.



BUDGETING FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH: ALIGNING FINANCES WITH BIBLICAL PRIORITIES FOR MINISTRY (819136) Author: Dunlop, Jamie. Chapters: Why does God care about your church budget?; Leadership - budgeting is pastoral work; Income - aiming for faithfulness; Staff - supporting servants of the Word; Programs - equipping the congregation for ministry; Missions and outreach - becoming a discriminating investor; Operations - helping the church proclaim and portray; Communication - using the budget as a pastoral tool; Next steps. Includes Scripture index. 169 Pages.

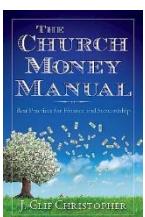


CELEBRATING THE OFFERING (808020) Author: Amerson, Melvin and James. This book is designed for pastors, worship leaders, and worship committees who desire not only to reconnect the offering with the rest of the worship service, but also to add excitement and enthusiasm to the act of giving. 108 Pages.

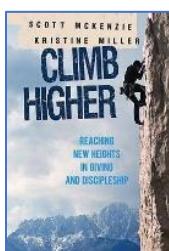


CHURCH FINANCES FOR MISSIONAL LEADERS: BEST PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL

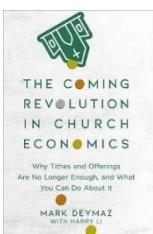
STEWARSHIP (819063) Author: Marden, Bonnie Ives. A complete guide to church finance and stewardship for congregations of all sizes. Chapters: Become a courageous steward; Biblical wisdom for financial management for mission; Financial vocabulary; Managing God's money - personal financial stewardship; Managing God's money - congregational financial stewardship; Income and motivating generosity; Expenditures - distributing the gifts; Leadership - people who count; Communication; Practices for protecting all parties - policies and procedures. Appendices include: Audit information; Building-use policy sample; Endowment policy information and sample; Finance policies; Gift acceptance policy sample; Memorial fund policy sample; Pastor's discretionary fund policy sample; Safe Sanctuary and limited access policy samples; Stewardship committee start-up; and multiple worksheets. 230 Pages.



CHURCH MONEY MANUAL: BEST PRACTICES FOR FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP (816052) Author: Christopher, J. Clif. A handbook for pastors and leaders who are seeking better ways to manage church finances. Author J. Clif Christopher covers topics of day-to-day operation and perennially critical themes related to church money management and stewardship. 92 Pages.



CLIMB HIGHER: REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN GIVING AND DISCIPLESHP (811066) Author: McKenzie, Scott and Miller, Kristine. Authentic Christian stewardship arises from a clear and moving vision of a congregation's ministry priorities, and the desire to give in order to make those priorities a reality. The authors draw on an analogy comparing stewardship development and summing Mount Everest: C - Clear and compelling vision; L - Leadership; I - Inspiration; M - Motivation; B - Boldly ask. 128 Pages.



COMING REVOLUTION IN CHURCH ECONOMICS: WHY TITHES AND OFFERINGS ARE NO LONGER ENOUGH, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT (820177) Author: Deymaz, Mark and Li, Harry. Tithes and offerings alone are no longer enough to provide for the needs of the local church, enable pastors to pursue opportunities, or sustain long-term ministry impact. Growing financial burdens on the middle class, marginal increases in contributions to religious organizations, shifting generational attitudes toward giving, and changing demographics are having a negative impact on church budgets. What's needed is disruptive innovation in church economics. For churches to not only survive but thrive in the future, leaders must learn to leverage assets, bless the community, empower entrepreneurs, and create multiple streams of income to effectively fund mission. Chapters: Understanding the need; Free your mind; Stop begging for money; Create multiple streams of income; Leverage church assets; Become a benevolent owner; Monetize existing services; Start new businesses. Includes discussion questions. 255 Pages.



CREATING FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE CONGREGATIONS (821068) Author: Elrod, James. How can growing churches develop a financial framework that will enhance their mission? This book, which does not assume readers' familiarity with principles of accounting or finance, will help facilitate constructive conversations between clergy and lay leaders on money matters. By describing in everyday language some of the practical issues that promote (or erode) financial sustainability, this book will remove the mystery and frustration faith communities often experience when discussing their financial challenges. Chapters: An introduction; Terminologies and typologies; Church financial statements; Capital, capitalization, capital formation, and endowments; Budgets and budgeting; The philanthropic landscape; Generational considerations; Managing crisis; Sustainable church. Includes discussion questions and bibliography. 117 Pages.

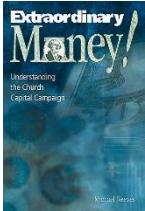


DEVELOPING A GIVING CHURCH (814131) Author: Toler, Stan and Towns, Elmer. Chapter titles: Developing a giving environment; Casting a vision for a giving church; Developing committed steward leaders; Developing an annual stewardship plan; Supporting the pastoral team; Expanding the giving base. Includes bibliography. 224 Pages.

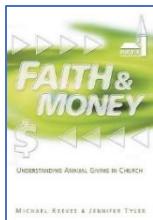


E-GIVING GUIDE FOR EVERY CHURCH: USING DIGITAL TOOLS TO GROW MINISTRY

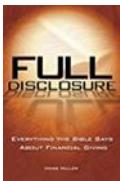
(817115) Author: Rogers, Richard. Richard Rogers gives information about electronic giving for churches considering this tool and for churches who are already using it and want to do more. 90 Pages.



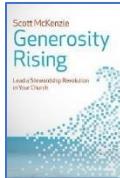
EXTRAORDINARY MONEY! UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (804069) Author: Reeves, Michael. This book is not a how-to-do-it manual for a committee to run its own campaign, but a handbook to work through many of the questions church leaders face when they recognize the need to raise major funds beyond the normal budgetary needs. 125 Pages.



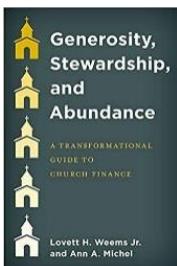
FAITH & MONEY: UNDERSTANDING ANNUAL GIVING IN CHURCH (804229) Author: Reeves, Michael & Tyler, Jennifer. Grounded in the gospel, this book identifies the challenges of fund development in local congregations, develops a consistent theological foundation for fund development, and guides congregations in building worthy expectations and attitudes on how to fund ministry. 125 Pages.



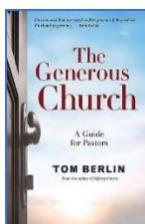
FULL DISCLOSURE (804081) Author: Miller, Herb. Everything the Bible Says about Financial Giving. Part I: Why Should We Give? Part II: How Does Giving Benefit Us? Part III: How Should We Give? Includes study questions. 128 Pages.



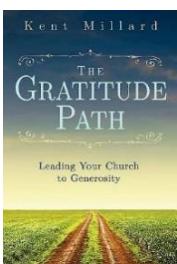
GENEROSITY RISING: LEAD A STEWARDSHIP REVOLUTION IN YOUR CHURCH (816074) Author: McKenzie, Scott. Scott McKenzie discusses how to recruit, train, and develop stewardship leaders within the congregation. He includes plans for a stewardship leader retreat, a process for evaluating the church's current stewardship practices, a four-week plan for sermons and worship to ignite a revolution in generosity, a 21-day devotional for leaders and congregants, and a 12-month plan to sustain the revolution of generosity. 117 Pages.



GENEROSITY, STEWARDSHIP, AND ABUNDANCE: A TRANSFORMATIONAL GUIDE TO CHURCH FINANCE (821050) Author: Weems, Lovett and Michel, Ann. Chapters: The spirituality of money; Generosity and the way of God; What faith teaches about giving; Pledging and commitment campaigns; Fostering faithful giving; The digital offering plate; The biblical concept of stewardship; Stewardship of personal finances; Stewardship of congregational resources; Building and funding an operating budget; Building and funding a capital budget; Building and financing an endowment; The importance of paying attention; Financial oversight and integrity; God's promise of abundance; Recognizing the value of physical assets; Best practices when renting your space to others; New partners and new possibilities; Developing a comprehensive year-round stewardship program; Leadership for stewardship. Includes bibliography and index. 187 Pages.



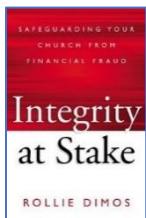
GENEROUS CHURCH: A GUIDE FOR PASTORS (816107) Author: Berlin, Tom. In this practical guide for pastors and church leaders, Tom Berlin teaches that the church, in order to inspire generosity in individuals, needs to be seen and understood as generous. People will embrace giving if they believe their gifts are used in the community and the world to further the mission of Christ. Chapters: The generous church; The role of the leader; Plan it; Communicate it; Manage it. 96 Pages.



GRATITUDE PATH: LEADING YOUR CHURCH TO GENEROSITY (815146) Author: Millard, Kent. A five-session study designed for use by churches, leadership teams, and small groups that helps congregations grow in generosity by focusing on gratitude for God's blessings. Chapters: 1) Just to say thanks; 2) Give thanks in every situation; 3) Give and it will be given to you; 4) God loves a cheerful giver; 5) Expect a miracle. Includes a 12-step plan for pastors and other leaders to conduct their own Gratitude Campaign in a church of any size. 75 Pages.

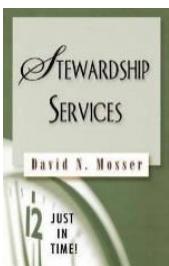


HAPPY SURPRISES: HELP OTHERS DISCOVER THE JOY OF GIVING (820030) Author: Heetland, David. The ministry of fundraising: turning hope and joy into tangible help. David Heetland shares that successful fundraising means connecting and sustaining long-term personal relationships with donors. While many leaders are reluctant to make appeals for money, Heetland says that people want to support worthy causes and leave a legacy. This practical step-by-step guide will show non-profit leaders, development and university staff, pastors, campus ministers, and other professionals how to approach and cultivate a donor base to build fruitful ministry. Chapters: Keys to successful fundraising; Steps to successful fundraising; Components of successful fundraising; Where to start; Expand your friendship base; Fund ways to honor others; People want to leave a legacy; Other important learnings; Putting it all together. 130 Pages.

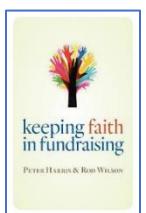


INTEGRITY AT STAKE: SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHURCH FROM FINANCIAL FRAUD

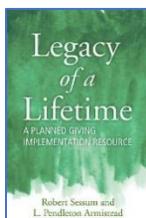
(816086) Author: Dimos, Rollie. Author Rollie Dimos outlines practical steps for evaluation, details internal controls, and presents risk management strategies to help church leaders reduce the risk of fraud and increase financial accountability and integrity. 155 Pages.



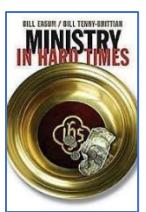
JUST IN TIME! STEWARDSHIP SERVICES (816162) Author: Mosser, David. This book provides material for twenty-three services including: suggested liturgies, prayers, Scripture passages, and sermon briefs to help pastors minister more effectively. Includes Scripture index. 102 Pages.



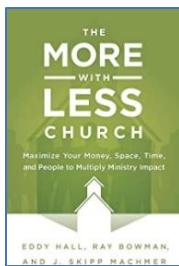
KEEPING FAITH IN FUNDRAISING (817086) Author: Harris, Peter and Wilson, Rod. The authors explore how fundraising, like all aspects of any work in the kingdom of God, need to take their direction from the King of that kingdom. Chapters: Biblical grounding; Biblical reflections; Integration; People; Work; Success; Need; Method; Money; Peter's story; Rod's story; A fundraiser's prayer. 150 Pages.



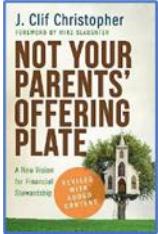
LEGACY OF A LIFETIME: A PLANNED GIVING IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCE (821042) Author: Sessum, Robert and Armistead, L. Pendleton. A manual for securing a significant number of planned gifts for a church of any denomination or size. In order for churches and related religious institutions to advance their strategic growth initiatives, a variety of funding vehicles are required, and a planned gifts program can play an important part. This book offers a systematic and sustainable implementation model that is formalized, progressive, and--most importantly--volunteer-based and -driven. Supplemental materials available at www.churchpublishing.org/legacyofalifetime 176 Pages.



MINISTRY IN HARD TIMES (820101) Author: Easum, Bill and Tenny-Brittian, Bill. Chapters: Living in a wildcard world; Strategic dreaming trumps hard times; Now's the time to return to the basics; The hard times budget formula; Budget items you always cut in hard times; Overcoming the hard-times beast; Budget items you always increase in hard times – worship and children's ministry; Budget items you always increase in hard times – evangelism and marketing; Budget items you always increase in hard times – continuing education and volunteer ministries; Budget items you always increase in hard times – small groups and spiritual formation; Leadership in a wildcard world; It's a waste of time if . . . 118 Pages.



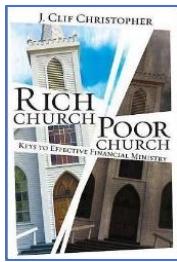
MORE WITH LESS CHURCH (816199) Author: Hall, Eddy; Bowman, Ray; and Machmer, J. Skipp. Maximize Your Money, Space, Time, and People to Multiply Ministry Impact. Chapter titles: The possible dream; To accomplish more, do (and spend) less; To reach more people, disband your evangelism committee; To make more disciples, 'teach' less; To empower for ministry, ax committees; To multiply leadership, recruit fewer leaders; To improve health, stir up conflict; To increase unity, throw out your vision statement; To make big changes, start with baby steps; Hire equippers to multiply leaders; The case of the overpaid secretary; Build a dream team; Confessions of a surprised architect; Can building kill church growth?; The myth of sacred space; Three things church building can never do; Teaching old buildings new tricks; Adding a new service; More-with-less classroom strategies; Three things great church offices do; One church, multiple locations; When it's time to build; The church can be debt-free; The hidden costs of debt; Getting off the roller coaster; From vision to provision. 254 Pages.



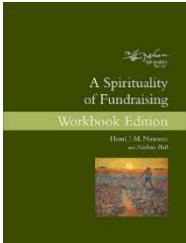
NOT YOUR PARENTS' OFFERING PLATE: REVISED WITH ADDED CONTENT (815125) Author: Christopher, J. Clif. A New Vision for Financial Stewardship. Chapters: Survival of the fittest; Reasons people give; Why are you here anyway?; All members are not equal; The pastor must be a fund-raiser; The three pockets of giving; Church folks want to win; The top eleven things I would do now. Each chapter includes 'questions to ask' and 'things to do.' 116 Pages.



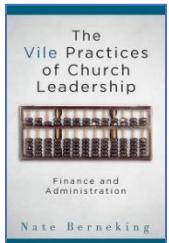
PROPEL: GOOD STEWARDSHIP, GREATER GENEROSITY (815145) Author: Smith, Clayton. Chapters: A call for leadership; Casting a vision for stewardship and generosity; Creating a committed church community; Moving forward - six transformational steps; Fast-forward - seven insights that propel preaching; Creative worship planning; Annual giving campaign; Strategic mission and emergency relief giving; Capital giving campaign; Memorial giving; Planned legacy giving; Major donor development. 136 Pages.



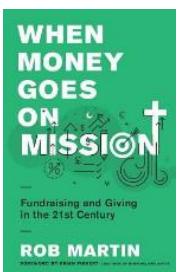
RICH CHURCH, POOR CHURCH: KEYS TO EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL MINISTRY (812121) Author: Christopher, J. Clif. Through insight born out of years of experience, the author can help you assess the financial condition of your church and put it on the road to fiscal health and effectiveness. Chapter titles: Why give to the church?; Know the mission; Who is leading?; Principal not payments; Asking; Being thankful; Expecting; Knowledge or ignorance; Stewardship without apology; Transformation; Becoming a rich church. Each chapter includes discussion questions. 108 Pages.



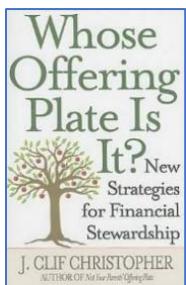
SPIRITUALITY OF FUNDRAISING: WORKBOOK EDITION (819105) Author: Nouwen, Henri and Ball, Nathan. This workbook contains the entire text of Henri Nouwen's book 'A Spirituality of Fundraising' plus a four-session study to help you develop your own spirituality of fundraising, using the guidance of Nouwen and co-author Nathan Ball, a close friend and colleague of Nouwen. It provides inspiration, motivation, and practical tools for anyone - professional or volunteer - whose ministry or organization relies on donations. Sessions: 1) Fundraising as ministry; 2) Our security base; 3) Asking; 4) Creating a new communion. 128 Pages.



VILE PRACTICES OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (817109) Author: Berneking, Nate. In matters of finance and administration, author Nate Berneking demonstrates why leaders must learn to practice holy habits first before leading others to do the same. Chapters: Personal generosity - developing an open posture; Personal budgets -- planning for God's work in life; Retirement savings -- preparing for God's work after a paycheck; Personal taxes -- income, Social Security, and Medicare taxes for individuals; Transition; Congregational generosity -- practicing and eliciting trust; Congregational budgeting -- planning and honing ministry; Church accounting -- the basics; Legal matters -- maximizing a congregation's resources for ministry. 162 Pages.



WHEN MONEY GOES ON MISSION: FUNDRAISING AND GIVING IN THE 21ST CENTURY (819064) Author: Martin, Rob. Chapters: The communion of giving and receiving; Living stones - the foundation of sustained interdependence; Trust and accountability - fruitful giving and receiving at the foot of the cross; The eagle and the fish - the pursuit of faith and excellence; Faith - relying on God for His provision; Excellence that leads to effective giving and receiving; Trustworthy leadership - you can't lead if you can't follow; Purpose - the reason for giving and receiving; Character being someone others trust and its impact on giving and receiving; Ideas - unlocking funding for your strategies; Track record - looking back to look forward; The orbit - the accountability effect on giving and receiving; Discovery - finding those who may join your work; Acquisition - communicating to raise and give money; Nurturing - sustaining a giving and receiving partnership. 284 Pages.



WHOSE OFFERING PLATE IS IT? NEW STRATEGIES FOR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (810175) Author: Christopher, J. Clif. Chapter titles: How did we get in this mess?; Do we really have to compete?; How do I come up with all these stories?; How can I peek?; Won't it hurt my eyes or my heart?; What do I look for when I look?; What did you mean about lay leaders having access to giving records?; Do we tell when things are bad?; What do those letters look like?; How do I ask for capital when I am not in a capital campaign?; Is there an annual campaign program you like? Can you tell me how to ask for a planned gift?; What do you do in a bad economy?; Will you talk to my spouse?; Aren't sex and money taboo in public?; How do I get the right leaders in the right places?; Can you just make it simple for me? 145 Pages.