

Presenter	Workshop Title	Workshop Description
Cynthia L. Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary	Re-thinking "Gratitude"	"Gratitude" is popular, these days. Cultural gurus promoting mindfulness often recommend we start off each day by writing a list of things we are grateful for. Christians have always taught, of course, that it is a good idea to "count our many blessings" (as the old hymn says). The problem comes (as some "Nones" and "Dones" are pointing out) when the church advises people to be grateful instead of facing head-on their own real needs, griefs, desires, and deficits. This workshop looks closely at what gratitude looks and feels like, theologically, when it is the way we live and move not only in relation to our many blessings, but in relation to our very real struggles and limits.
Bryce Wiebe	How to make every offering feel special!	Stewardship is often reduced to a series of Sundays (or maybe just one!) in the Fall in preparation for a new budget. While having a specific time to make pledges helps churches to plan, stewardship is best practiced year-round. Besides, offerings are taken every week! If your church has used the power of narrative budgeting, you, too can make every Sunday offering special and unique in the life of your congregation. Learnings from the Special Offerings office may help you do just that.
Bryce Wiebe	Connecting the dots: deploying the four Special Offerings in the worship, prayer, and practice	Many congregations participate in the four churchwide Special Offerings, but engagement through the spiritual practices of a congregation's life can more fully connect participation with impact. By accessing and using resources from Special Offerings and maybe generating a few of your own, your congregation can see, hear, feel, and give voice to the connections congregations make beyond their doors.
Brian Hathhorn	Tax Code Changes and Implications to Churches	This workshop will provide an overview of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Some of the topics will include 529 Qualified Tuition Programs, Qualified Charitable Distributions, miscellaneous itemized deductions, moving expenses, and how the legislation could affect churches and church staff.
Patricia Ireland	Stories over Numbers: Narrative Budgets	Learn how to use narrative budgets to help your congregation understand the impact of the work that is done with their dollars. Narrative budgets fill the gap in understanding between utility bills, snow removal and salaries, and mission that is done in your building, by your staff and for your community to change lives and witness to the faith we profess. Review examples from churches that have used narrative budgets and learn how to create one for your own church.
Alex Wales	Generational Giving	Come and see how you can identify different ways of approaching your stewardship plans to account for the generations who inhabit your church and increase gifts. A short course that may have long term effects.
Sue Ann Seel	Stewardship and the Small Church	In this workshop we will look at doing effective stewardship in a smaller setting. (100 members or less, though all are welcome!) We will also brainstorm and share ideas that have worked in our own settings.

Lisa Longo	Electronic Giving	Work with Lisa Longo of the Presbyterian Foundation to learn how to digitize your offering plate. Leave this workshop with steps in how to expand your church's offering plate to include the internet. Learn easy to use resources from the Presbyterian Foundation and put into practice for the very next Sunday.
Laura Frazey	Stewardship 101: What is it? What does it mean to the church?	Stewardship is more than just fundraising at the end of the year. It is a spiritual practice that we are called to take seriously and to practice regularly. This session will explore how to take Stewardship from year end to year round
David Nzioka	An African/Immigrant perspective on being the church through generous giving	When members own the church through giving and are participants in the mission of God, they are able to speak about the wonders of that God they know very well. But, until they do this, they cannot preach effectively.
Mary Jorgenson	Bonds of Connection: Shared Mission Support at its Best	Why give to shared mission support? Does this model even work anymore? Come learn from a Ruling Elder about why Shared Mission is part of the life-blood of our connectional church.
Mitch Trigger	Small Churches who don't "do" stewardship	