

Planned Giving to Support Mission and Ministry Webinar

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While a significant wealth transfer occurs (and will occur) in our country as our eldest generation passes, many congregations and ministries remain unprepared to promote planned giving options among their members. Only 5% of people leave a charitable bequest even though nearly a third of people would if asked or invited to consider one. This webinar will equip congregational leaders to begin a planned giving program in their setting. We'll begin by considering generosity as a spiritual practice and why donors would want to give a planned gift. Then we'll learn about the three varieties of planned gifts and develop a plan for offering these options. Lastly, we'll review a checklist of good policies and steps necessary for successfully launching a planned giving program. Through this webinar, you will learn key concepts and create an actionable plan for your congregation or ministry.

Preaching Generosity Webinars

It can be hard to talk about money. And yet Jesus spoke about it often, second only to the Kingdom of God. Join Rev. Andrew Warner to explore how to preach and teach about generosity and the use of our financial resources. Each webinar will focus on a specific liturgical season and a set of readings. We will plan out at least one preaching opportunity for teaching generosity as a spiritual practice.

Thursday Jan. 16th – 2 pm Central

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZQkf-mgrDMtqA6mmK8_odWL_R8jDVUDvg

The Season of Epiphany: Disciples and Generosity – We'll look at how the call of the first disciples (Matthew 4: 12-23) and Micah 6:1-8 help illuminate generosity as part of our discipleship. This focus may work particularly well for a sermon in advance of an annual congregational meeting.

Wednesday Feb. 26th – 2 pm Central

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpUtfu6trDwjLbprSp7TkJN0YtoZ07xS9w>

The Season of Lent: A Changed Life – Using the story of Nicodemus, we'll see how increasing generosity created change in his life. We'll look beyond the lectionary reading to consider the other two appearances of Nicodemus. The story will focus attention on what it means to experience change in our lives.

Monday April 20th – 2 pm Central

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpYvdOyprTlj_Wj7jmbXA5ihy53zh01ziQ

The Season of Easter: Beloved Community – The stories of Good Shepherd Sunday (May 3) speak to what it means to live generously in a community (Acts 2: 42-47, Ps. 23, and John 10: 1-10). This Sunday offers a chance to think broadly about the many forms of generosity and how it reinforces connections within a community.