

Draft Year-Round Stewardship Education Cycle

Here's a suggested year-round stewardship education program for a local parish incorporating inspiration from *The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)* and other Anglican/Episcopal stewardship resources. The goal is to develop a holistic view of stewardship that touches on Time, Talent, Treasure and Care for Creation throughout the liturgical year. For more information, go to **tens.org**. Please contact Kevin Dixon, Diocesan Stewardship Coordinator, at kevindixon@diohuron.org, to obtain the TENS website password.

Theme for the Year (September – August):

(Create a theme such as “Faithful Living: Time, Talent and Everything Else”)

Goal: to encourage parishioners to embrace stewardship as a spiritual practice and integrate it into every aspect of life.

Throughout the year:

- monthly “Stewardship Moments” by parishioners at primary Sunday service
- various stewardship activities: Talent Challenge, “Give What You Can, Take What You Need,” Stewardship Seedlings, 30 Day Generosity Experiment, Mystery Mission Envelopes, the Extra Chair Challenge, No Money Sunday, Community Repair Café, Hidden Saints Week, Storytelling Feast

September: Planning and Preparation

- Assemble team (actually, starting in July)
- Initiate monthly Stewardship Moments
- Prepare schedule for September to September
- Begin planning Annual Appeal and Celebration

October to November: Annual Appeal and Stewardship Celebration

Focus: Financial Stewardship and Gratitude

- October: Launch Appeal using resources from TENS (theme, liturgical materials, letters)
- Last Sunday before Advent: Commitment Sunday
- December: Conclude appeal with a celebration of gratitude and a verbal report

January to March: Stewardship of Faith and Prayer

Focus: Spiritual Gifts, Time, and Prayer

- Reinforce the annual theme: (e.g., “Faithful Living: Time, Talent and Everything Else”)
- Sermon series
- Spiritual gifts workshop
- Weekly prayer guide for intentional stewardship

April to June: Stewardship of Creation and Outreach

Focus: Creation Care

- Creation Care Sunday
- Workshop on reducing environmental impact
- Parish clean-up and tree planting
- Engage with a local environmental organization

July to September: Stewardship of Gratitude and Generosity

Focus: Gratitude

- Preach on gratitude as the foundation of generosity
- Begin preparations for the fall appeal season (Oct-Nov)
- Distribute resources on planned giving and legacy gifts