

Section 5 - The Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship shall consist of the elected Treasurer and Financial Secretary and three (3) members who are appointed by the Chairman of the Congregation.

The basic objectives of this Board are to initiate programs for the development of good stewardship attitudes in the members of the congregation in regard to time, talents, and treasures, to provide for the training and utilization of members of the congregation for the work of Christ's Kingdom, and to insure the financial stability of the congregation and its work through a developed program of dedicated, proportionate, firstfruits giving.

That the objectives of this Board may be carried out the following specific responsibilities are assigned to the Board of Stewardship.

The Board shall:

1. Study the Scriptural principles regarding the total stewardship calling of the Christian as a member of his family, as a neighbor and citizen, and as a congregation member and share these insights with congregation members.
2. Contact and encourage new members for service to the congregation and endeavor to stir up the talents of present members for use in Christ's work.
3. Maintain a program to discover and enlist for Kingdom service the talents God has given members, old and new, young people and adults.
4. Be responsible for maintenance of a congregational talent file and provide for the immediate recording of the talents and abilities of incoming members.
5. Provide opportunities for the development of talents (training courses, workshops, and the like).
6. Conduct an intensive program annually to confront every member personally with basic Biblical stewardship principles and practices.
7. Encourage the Gospel-motivated practice of joyous, worshipful, liberal, proportionate, firstfruits giving in response to received blessings and recognized needs.
8. Annually give every member an opportunity to make a commitment of his treasure for Kingdom work through the congregation.
9. Initiate an annual preparation and presentation to the congregation of a God-pleasing work program, determine anticipated receipts and recommend a budget for adoption by the Voters, Assembly.
10. Foster support for missions and charities through an ongoing program of mission information and education through education agencies, committees and organizations, rallies, festivals, films and filmstrips, letters and tracts, appearances of missionaries, and the like.

11. Plan and recommend a year-round program of support for Lutheran World Relief (financial gifts, clothing drives, kiddie kits, and the like) through the various agencies and committees of the congregation.
12. Enlist a Visitation Committee in conjunction with the Pastor(s) and the Board of Elders.
13. Annually prepare and submit as part of the budget a selected list of charities for the congregation and suggest the source of revenue designated for that purpose.
14. Evaluate and make recommendations for use of gifts of love (memorial wreaths, etc.) by individuals and by the congregation as a whole.
15. Screen all outside appeals for funds and make the appropriate recommendations to the Voters' Assembly or initiate the necessary action appropriate to such an appeal.
16. Review and accept or decline all offers of unsolicited gifts to the congregation.
17. Evaluate various programs for endowments, remembrance' of the congregation in wills, bequests, and the like, and suggest ways of implementation to the Voters' Assembly.
18. Study and maintain a list of available social agencies for help with alcoholics, drug problems, delinquents, mental retardation, emotionally disturbed individuals, unwed mothers, and the like, either of Lutheran, private or public nature.
19. Together with the Pastor(s) study the possibilities and recommend implementation of offering spiritual services and care to hospitals, homes for the aged, prisons, jails and other Institutions within the community..
20. Encourage and enlist the young people of the congregation for fulltime service in the church as pastors, teachers, and the like.
21. Be concerned, together with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, for safe deposit and recording of all funds, monthly remissions of offerings for missions and church agencies, and prompt payment of salaries and bills as authorized by the congregation and the appropriate Boards.
22. Evaluate the offerings of the congregation regularly, and share these evaluations with the members of the congregation.
23. Enlist, maintain, and administer a secretarial pool of qualified persons who will be available to Boards and committees for special secretariat assignments.
24. Encourage stewardship programs in the societies and auxiliaries of the congregation.
25. Annually review the budgeting procedures of the congregation in conjunction with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary and recommend to the congregation any necessary Improvements or revisions.