

# CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

Stewardship events often focus on “doing” stewardship. This weekend deals with what it means to “live” stewardship, engaging in ministry through a lens of generosity. Come and explore how to change the culture of your church from scarcity thinking to a sense of abundance.

## WORKSHOPS

### **BREAKING THE SILENCE: FAITH AND MONEY** (Barbara Fullerton)

Unless we engage regularly in meaningful discussions about the Bible, money, and “stuff,” who will listen when we ask for money? This workshop introduces resources to open up the exploration “back home” about what the Bible says about money and possessions and how our relationships with them both reflect and affect our relationships with God and each other.

### **CULTIVATING A GENEROUS VISION: APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY AND YOUR CONGREGATION’S FUTURE** (Jan Bihl)

Explore how the paradigm and process of Appreciative Inquiry can change the way we approach visioning and ministry. Based on Gospel values of hope, grace, incarnation, transformation and resurrection, this creative alternative shifts from problem-solving to purpose-centered congregational life, discipleship and ministry.

### **THE EROTIC...GOD'S SPIRIT AT PLAY** (Lynn Watson)

This workshop brings new meaning to the term “Godly Play.” How does the pleasure of play figure in our busy lives, and how can the purposeless pursuit of pleasure unlock our spirituality and generosity? Believe it or not we’re going to talk about sex and money!

### **STEWARDSHIP IN AN EMERGING CONGREGATION** (Brenda Watt)

When we understand and then integrate the concepts of *emerging church* into our ministry, we are transformed and turned on, not only about ministry but also about our ability to animate and energize our stewardship growth and development. In this workshop, we will explore how emerging stewardship can be exciting, meaningful and relevant.

### **A GENEROUS WORD: PREACHING AND THE LANGUAGE OF GENEROSITY**

(Andrew Richardson)

Learn how a hermeneutic of generosity can transform preaching and everyday language into tools for building generous communities.

### **GETTING TO ABUNDANCE: YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP BEST PRACTICES**

(Barbara Fullerton)

This workshop engages theory, research, and experience in holistic stewardship best practices, from mission clarity through financial giving programs and thanking donors. Learn from vital congregations how best practices come alive in real life.

### **PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING**

(Patricia Bell)

As a financial planner and an active stewardship leader in her local congregation, Patricia Bell presents a workshop on financial planning that focuses on personal and family values in a life/work balance.

### **EXPERIENCING WORSHIP: PRACTICAL WAYS TO ENGAGE CONGREGATIONS**

(Sheila Campbell)

How do we make sense out of all the information that’s available today on the emerging church, post-modern worship, and praise bands, to name just a few of today’s “buzz words”? How do we use this information to help make worship more meaningful? Multi-sensory worship services help to engage us in worship and to experience worship in a more visceral and meaningful way. We’ll explore ways of introducing these elements into worship. Suitable for smaller congregations and for those without projector technology.

### **STEWARDSHIP AND CULTURE**

(Terry Shillington)

How important it is to speak in the language and idiom of our secular culture! As we talk stewardship, what are the related images and themes that our secular culture perceives? What metaphors, music, movies, political issues, ads could be vehicles to communicate the gospel questions of stewardship? If we can speak the language of our culture, the conversation around congregational and personal stewardship will be far more energetic. In this workshop, we will explore some of these images, to note cultural themes and issues. Let’s talk about our faith in language all generations can easily grasp.

## **AGENDA**

### Friday, October 29

6:30 Dessert and Registration  
7:00 Welcome, Community, Worship  
8:00 Culture of Generosity  
9:00 Adjournment

### Saturday, October 30

8:30 Continental Breakfast  
9:00 Worship  
9:15 Workshop 1  
10:45 Break  
11:00 Workshop 2  
12:30 Lunch  
1:30 Workshop 3  
3:00 Feedback and Windup  
3:15 Closing Worship

**Please choose four workshops in order of preference (you will attend three):**

- Breaking the Silence: Faith and Money
- Cultivating a Generous Vision: Appreciative Inquiry and Your Congregation’s Future
- The Erotic...God’s Spirit at Play
- Stewardship in an Emerging Congregation
- A Generous Word: Preaching and the Language of Generosity
- Getting to Abundance: Year-Round Stewardship Best Practices
- Personal Financial Planning
- Experiencing Worship: Practical Ways to Engage Congregations
- Stewardship and Culture

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### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

October 15, 2010

Workshop Fee: \$100  
(includes meals)

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