



# STEWARDSHIP

Presbyterians Sharing . . . Target for 2007: \$8,900,000

June 2007

## TOP TWELVE LIST

Twelve things we learned about PAR in our survey\* of congregations

### Quotable Quotes:

12. On average, PAR donors give more than envelope donors.
11. Those who are on PAR love it!
10. PAR is a treasurer's dream because at least there is an actual amount that he/she knows will come in each month.
9. PAR works well for younger folks – they do not pay by cheque.
8. Older people tend to be wary of PAR. However, once they are on it, many find it very convenient.
7. A few of those using PAR are people who rarely gave on a consistent basis before.
6. It is easy for PAR donors to forget to increase their givings from year to year, but if they are given an annual opportunity to do so, they will respond as generously as envelope holders.
5. PAR donors tend to give generously, above their PAR givings, to many extra appeals for money during the year.
4. We have found the United Church of Canada's PAR department excellent to deal with, and their costs are a fraction of what our church's bank offered when we approached them.
3. The best way to interest people in PAR is by personal contact with someone who believes this is the best way to give regularly.
2. If we could get 30-40% of the congregation on PAR, most financial problems would disappear.
1. **Advice to congregations on PAR: Keep trying!** We have an older congregation and new ways can be difficult for some to accept.

\*In January 2007 a survey was sent to congregations of The Presbyterian Church in Canada who were using the services of the United Church of Canada to administer their Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) program. For more results of the survey contact the stewardship office of The Presbyterian Church in Canada at 416-441-1111, 1-800-619-7301; [hchap-pel@presbyterian.ca](mailto:hchap-pel@presbyterian.ca).

## Presbyterians Sharing . . . Update

Givings to Presbyterians Sharing . . . as of May 31, 2007

	<u>2007</u>	<u>% Comparison of 2006-2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
April 2007	1,642,483	-2.7%	1,688,782
May 2007	2,326,871	+2.1%	2,279,758

↑ Givings at the end of May are \$47,113 or 2.1% higher than for the same period last year.

**Thank you for your gifts to  
Presbyterians Sharing . . . !**

## Stewards By Design

May 22-25, 2008  
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre  
Niagara Falls, ON

**Keynote Speaker:** Kennon Callahan

This stewardship conference is designed for congregations wanting to develop an overall stewardship plan that will nurture faithful giving and strengthen their mission and ministry.

Issues to be explored:

- The spiritual nature of the relationship between faith and money.
- Creative possibilities for the congregation's ministries and mission
- New avenues and approaches to ministry funding
- Making generous giving an ongoing, joyful congregational experience.

\*Application forms were sent to all congregations in the May PCPak.

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