

STEWARDSHIP

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

September 2007

Stewardship Moments

For use in worship bulletins and church newsletters or to be incorporated into the offering in worship.

“A quotation at the right moment is like bread in a famine.”
The Talmud

September 2

“It appears to be true that few of us can think our way into right and loving actions. But we *can* act our way into right and loving thinking.” Ecumenical Stewardship Centre

September 9

“I lament that I have developed the courage to achieve, but not the courage to relinquish.” Chris Levan, *The Dancing Steward*

September 16

“Sometime in your life, hope that you might see one starved man [person], the look on his face when the bread finally arrives. Hope that you might have baked it or bought it or even kneaded it yourself. For that look on his face, for your meeting his eyes across a piece of bread, you might be willing to lose a lot, or suffer a lot, or die a little even.” Daniel Berrigan, SJ

September 23

“. . . money can buy almost anything we want – the problem being that we tend to want only the things that money can buy.” Jacob Needleman, *Money and the Meaning of Life*

September 30

“The deepest theological concept is thankfulness. . . . Thankfulness is an act of subversion against the Cult of the Next Thing.” John Buchanan in “Trapped in the Cult of the Next Thing,” *Christianity Today*, September 6, 1999

October 7

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” G. K. Chesterton

October 14

“If you give money, spend yourself with it.” Henry David Thoreau

October 21

“The great use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.” William James

October 28

About the offering: “What did the ham say to the egg?” “For you it’s only a contribution; for me it’s total commitment.”

November 4

Did you know Mrs. Van Snob who lived on Knob Hill? People ask, “What did she leave?” She left it all.

November 11

“The longing in the human soul for security and abundance is aroused and satisfied again and again in mad and blind repetition by the ridiculous bounty and barely limited availability of consumer goods in the West,” Stephen Jenkinson, *Money and the Soul’s Desire*

November 18

“One cannot defend production as satisfying wants if that production creates the wants.” John Kenneth Galbraith, *The Affluent Society*

November 25

“The abundant life for us must be conducted with a very sharp eye to the way consumerism (the contemporary reincarnation of the deadly sin of greed) is both devastating the natural world and creating great inequities between the poor and the wealthy.” Sally McFague, *Life Abundant*

Presbyterians Sharing . . . Update

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

	<u>2007</u>	<u>% Comparison of 2006-2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
August 2007	\$4,125,276	-0.001%	\$4,130,878

- Givings at the end of August are \$5,602 or 0.001% lower than for the same period last year.
- Givings as of August 31, 2005 - \$4,023,359
- Givings as of August 31, 2004 - \$4,122,745

Don't Forget!

**Presbyterians Sharing . . . Sunday is
September 30, 2007**

Worship resources went out to all congregations in June. They can also be downloaded from our website: www.presbyterian.ca



**Searching for the perfect gift
this Christmas?
Give a gift that changes lives!**

The 2007-2008 *Something Extra* gift catalogue “Gifts of Change” will be available in October from The Book Room.

Your gift will help The Presbyterian Church in Canada’s partners reach out to those in need, in Canada and around the world. Make a donation as a gift and we will send the gift recipient a card in your name.

**Gifts of Change.
Gifts of Hope. Gifts of Love.**

Order a copy of the *Gifts of Change* gift catalogue from

The Bookroom:
bookroom@presbyterian.ca
1-800-6197301 or (416) 441-1111

A copy will be included in the November issue of the Presbyterian Record.

**2007 Advent Calendar
AVAILABLE SOON!**

This year’s advent calendar tells the story of Maria, a 10-year-old girl living in a small village in Guatemala. The calendar ties in with the 2007 adult Mission Study and children’s Learning Sharing study.

All focus on Maya people in Guatemala. Copies of this year’s calendar will be available from The Book Room in October.

Please copy for Presbyters