

Stewards By Design



October 27-30, 2011

Application deadline

January 28, 2011

A Stewardship Initiative
of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Keynote Speaker: Kennon Callahan

YMCA Geneva Park Conference Centre, Orillia, Ontario

Applications and more information at

www.presbyterian.ca/stewardship

Cost: \$2000 per congregation to send 4 delegates.

Cost covers registration accomodation, food and travel.

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Thursday October 27 – Sunday October 30, 2011
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Many studies suggest that there has been a shift in the way people give and a general lack of understanding of the spiritual principles of how we give, even among regular church attendees.

Stewards by Design is designed to help congregations discover how stewardship connects to all aspects of the mission and ministry of the church. Participants explore how stewardship is not just a financial matter, but is also a spiritual matter concerned with all aspects of life.

Selected congregations will send a team of four (the minister and three other key leaders) who will learn how to:

- encourage people to give generously to the mission to which God calls us
- move beyond a survival mentality and nurture faithful giving and abundant living
- expand and strengthen their mission and ministry
- make generous giving an ongoing, joyful congregational experience
- develop a concrete plan suited for their unique congregation.

Materials will be sent to the teams before the conference to help them engage in an intentional process of stewardship education and ministry development. During the conference Dr. Kennon Callahan and other resource people will work with the teams as they begin to design a stewardship strategy tailored to their congregation's unique situation and needs which they can begin to implement after the conference!

Kennon Callahan

Keynote Speaker

An internationally respected pastor, theologian, seminar leader, researcher, author and teacher, Dr. Kennon Callahan has worked with thousands of congregations for nearly forty years. His book, *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*, has helped many congregations of all sizes look at mission and stewardship issues in new ways. Dr. Callahan's energy, enthusiasm and wonderful stories make the presentations come alive. He gives of himself tirelessly both through keynote presentations and by meeting each congregational team for thirty minutes of individual consultation.

“Money follows mission, not the reverse. That is a shorthand way of saying that the stronger the congregation's relational characteristics, the easier it is to raise money. The stronger the congregation's mission, visitation, groupings, leadership, and decision making, the stronger the giving.”

Kennon Callahan
Effective Church Finances



Apply online!

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We invite you to apply to the 2011 *Stewards by Design* conference by filling out the online application form at www.presbyterian.ca/stewardsbydesign. Every year there have been more applications than congregations who can be accommodated, so be sure to get your application in before January 28, 2011!

Teams from twenty congregations across Canada will be selected. The teams will be notified of the selection in early March 2011. The first installment of the registration fee is sent in at that time. (*Do not send money with your application.*)

NOTE: *If you are hoping to attend Stewards by Design 2011 you may want to set aside money in your budget to help your congregation attend.*



“What a tremendous event! The worship was truly inspiring, the fellowship was joyful and the prayers were uplifting. The conference sessions were a true blessing for us all. We learned much and now we have much to teach.”

Stewards by Design 2006
participant

"The congregations who do the best in church finances have a rich, full, abiding compassion for mission. They are motivated by a theology of service, not a theology of survival. Their compelling, driving spirit is one of giving, serving, loving mission."

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Who should be on the team?

Choosing the right people to represent your congregation at *Stewards by Design* is key to making the experience a success. The team is expected to meet and prepare before the conference and implement what they have learned and planned when they return home.

Give careful and prayerful consideration to the people chosen to attend. It is important to have a team that will be able to provide leadership when they return to the congregation.

One of the four participants on your team must be a minister from your congregation. The other participants should be visionary leaders involved in your congregation's mission and ministries. They might include a session member, the board of managers' chairperson or another individual involved in the financial well-being of your congregation.

Involve the congregation

The success of *Stewards by Design* also depends on the participation of the entire congregation. It is important for the team to know the expectations of the congregation before they go and have their prayers and support throughout the process. A sample commissioning service will be sent to congregations so they can commission the team. Involving the congregation in fundraising can also help them feel ownership of the process.

Cost

Your investment of \$2,000 allows four of your congregation's key leaders to attend *Stewards by Design*. The cost includes

- accommodation and meals at the conference centre
- transportation costs (by air, car, train or bus)
- resource materials sent prior to the conference
- a 30-minute congregational consultation with Dr. Callahan
- tools to design a stewardship strategy for your congregation.



Note: About 50% of the cost of this conference is being funded by *Presbyterians Sharing*.



Ideas to raise money to send your team:

- Ask your presbytery or synod for financial support. After the conference you can report back and share what you have learned.
- Provide the opportunity for people to make donations to the fund. In this way, they will be participating in the event. Your congregation can give tax receipts for these donations!
- Hold a special event to raise awareness and financial support:
 - a congregational dinner
 - a time and talent auction
 - a work project requiring sponsorship
 - a talent show or choir concert
- Lay leaders may apply to the Lay Bursary Fund. This fund will provide up to \$400/congregation for attendance at *Stewards by Design*. As funds are limited, congregations are asked to apply only if support is needed. See the application form at www.presbyterian.ca/stewardship.



Be creative; have fun; this is an opportunity for joyful giving!

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