

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

The resources of GSB's professional development services are being provided for this program thanks to a special relationship with the Southeastern Synod.

The purpose of Stewardship For All Seasons (SAS) is to guide pastors and congregation leaders to learn tried and true basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs. Learn how to do year-round, on-going stewardship resulting in more money for ministry, more energized stewards, and a culture of generosity. **THIS IS MORE THAN STEWARDSHIP. IT IS A DEVELOPMENT MENTALITY FOR THE PARISH.**

BENEFITS OF STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

- › Prepare your congregation's story
- › Educate people to tell that story
- › Focus attention on your congregation's mission
- › Inspire people to give generously
- › Learn tools and methods that really work
- › Build a team that enjoys leading stewardship efforts
- › Become confident and skilled in stewardship development
- › Apply biblical principles to gain more resources for mission
- › Experience the joy of asking and giving
- › Avoid searching for the latest hot stewardship program
- › Increase annual giving by 10 - 15% or more each year

COVENANTS:

Congregations participating in SAS will sign a covenant that outlines responsibilities and expectations of the congregation and the synod.

INVESTMENT:

The fee is \$3500/year and our synod is willing to underwrite up to a maximum of \$2000 total for each congregation. Contact kboda@elca-ses.org for more information and to determine an appropriate cost sharing for the fee. Congregations are asked to contribute back to the synod 10% of the increased revenue generated to cover the costs associated with this program.

TIMETABLE

- › **March and April 2021** - Congregations approve participation and select teams
- › **May 2021** - First meeting of all Rostered Leaders and at least one member of SAS team from each congregation meet with consultant
- › **June 1 - July 31** - Individual consultations by Zoom
- › **August 2021** - First gathering of teams with consultant
- › **September** - Gathering of teams with consultant
- › **Oct 1 - Nov 30** - Congregational appeals conducted
- › **January** - Meeting to launch Season of Evaluation and deep dive tracks--council leadership, communications, planned giving, special appeals, volunteer engagement, etc.
- › **March** - Meeting to look at special giving options
- › **April** - Final Meeting



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COVENANT

Between Southeastern Synod and

Congregation _____

City _____

Pastor _____

Email _____

Lay Leader _____

Email _____

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from May 2021 through April 2022 our congregation agrees to:

_____ Remit \$_____ to the Office of the Bishop for each year of participation (amount to be determined in consultation with the Office of the Bishop) We ask you to plan to participate at least two years, but if you are not satisfied, you can withdraw after the first year.

Congregation _____ Date _____

Synod _____ Date _____

IN ADDITION TO OUR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, WE AGREE TO:

- › Faithfully attend all SAS meetings
- › Participate fully in implementing SAS strategies into our congregation.
- › Report results to the Southeastern Office of the Bishop and Consultants.
- › Share stories as requested so that others may learn from our participation.
- › Complete financial reports as requested by the Consultants and/or the Office of the Bishop.

THE SYNOD PROMISES TO:

- › Pray for each congregation in this effort.
- › Provide the resources of GSB Fundraising to guide you through this effort.
- › Communicate regularly to keep you fully informed of what is taking place for SAS.

GSB PROMISES TO:

- › Be present for seven face-to-face sessions with Congregational Stewardship teams, including one session with Congregation Council.
- › Provide unlimited responses by email and phone to stewardship teams as needed between each meeting.
- › Provide up to two Zoom meeting sessions per congregation for thorough review of material and coaching.
- › Provide access to one “intensive track” on a topic such as planned giving, communications, special appeals, council leadership, etc.

