

Pastor's Manual

Now is the time for you to be bold, positive and enthusiastic about your church and the lives that are touched by its ministries.

In church funding efforts, the pastor leads the way in initiating a stewardship response. Unless the pastor is deeply involved, the effort will not reach it's full potential. When the pastor views giving as a **joyful** opportunity, members will be more excited and inspired when making their commitment.

When the pastor is open about personal giving, and sets the pace, many similar gifts follow. Openly share why and how you are increasing your offering to the church. Members will follow the example set by their pastor.

In every way possible lend positive support to the campaign. Your campaign needs your open support to achieve maximum effectiveness in your program.

Encourage faithfulness to the plan.

Work closely with the Campaign Chairperson. Encourage faithfulness to the plan. Help your campaign leaders identify potential volunteers. Incorporate old and new members as well as a blend of ages.

Set the spiritual tone for the program. Carefully prepare your pulpit talks so that they set the pace. Your members will grow in their commitment when they understand the Biblical imperative for being good stewards of what God has entrusted to them.

Pastor's Responsibilities

In any church funding effort, more responsibility falls on the shoulders of the pastor and the chairperson of the campaign. The *"Together We Grow"* program is designed to be largely implemented with lay leadership with oversight by the pastor.

Following are your major areas of responsibilities:

1. Be the spiritual guide for the effort. Always be positive of the outcome.
2. Recruit your campaign chairperson. It is important that this person be viewed with respect and admiration in the congregation and be a current generous giver.
3. With the chair in place, recruit the balance of the leadership team (see "thumbnail" descriptions on page 3 of the Introduction manual.)
4. With the chairperson and promotional materials coordinator, develop the narrative ministry case statement.
5. With the chairperson, conduct the leadership team orientation meeting and the two volunteer training meetings.
6. Prepare and present your stewardship testimony (see page four.)
7. Prepare and present stewardship message (sample found in Resource Supplement.)

8. Edit and personalize letters used in campaign (samples found in Resource Supplement.)

9. With the Chairperson, determine the method you would like to use to receive Intention Cards on Intention Sunday during each of the Worship Services. Some options to consider include:
 - A. Members process (by pew) to front of church and deposit their intention cards, in sealed envelopes in an appropriate receptacle.

 - B. A second passing of the offering baskets are made for the purpose of receiving intention cards.

 - C. Ushers are stationed at each exit with baskets and members deposit their cards as they leave church.

Pastor's Stewardship Testimony

Guidelines for your Testimony:

This Stewardship Testimony should be:

- **Well planned**
- **Brief (three to five minutes)**
- **From the heart with expressions of feeling and emotion**

I. Stewardship Talk

What God has done and is doing for me through our church – prayer, ministry, baptism, joys, my call to the ministry, etc.

II. Motivation

Why I will joyfully participate in this special program

III. Sacrifice

What will I "give up" to "give to" – with prayerful consideration share how your giving will affect your life.

IV. Conclusion

Talk about percentage of growth very carefully and humbly. "I already support our church with my tithes and offerings, but I have prayed and feel God is leading me to grow in my giving to our church."

V. Invitation

Would you please pray and find what God wants of you and join me in the support of our many ministries?