



Stewardship Kaleidoscope

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Dear Carolyn,

Greetings in this Advent season! We pray that your personal and congregational preparations to celebrate Christmas will be filled with God's peace, love, joy and hope this year. This letter is to bring a word of hope for the coming year.

We Presbyterians are blessed by our God with resources, called by our God to share and use in the work of the church. Many of us struggle with how to keep inviting our congregations to grow in their regular giving, to be thoughtful with legacy giving, and in general, to understand the importance of stewardship in the life of discipleship to Jesus Christ. We have some good news to share.

There is going to be a national Presbyterian stewardship conference, ***Stewardship Kaleidoscope***, held in Phoenix **(Monday, February 28-Wednesday, March 2)**. Twenty-four workshop offerings and three keynote speakers in two days will give those of us in Grand Canyon Presbytery a special opportunity to grow in our thinking, discover new ideas and resources, and be encouraged to greater intentionality about our 2011 stewardship efforts. Here is but a sampling of the workshops being offered:

- Stewardship in the Small Membership Church
- Planned Giving 101
- Curriculum on Generosity (a new educational resource)
- Annual Campaigns that Really Work!

- Endowment 101
- Communicating Stewardship and PC(USA) Mission...
- Anatomy of a Stewardship Campaign
- Fundraising Without Fear in an Age of Conflict and Controversy
- The Pastor's Role in Stewardship
- Identifying Ten Different Donor Styles in the Local Congregation
- Preaching Stewardship to the Mad Men Generation
- Congregational Investing: Impact and Implications

OK...enough! You get the picture. Stewardship Kaleidoscope is in its 9th year. More and more people are finding their way to this annual conference each year and are leaving enriched with good, solid, Biblical, Presbyterian and Reformed thinking about Christian generosity. For those of us in Grand Canyon Presbytery, we have the added benefit of the fact that the 2011 event is taking place in Phoenix at the Airport Hilton.

May we suggest a Christmas gift idea for your church? Why not make available a special envelope in a bulletin this month, or some other giving opportunity for all of your members to give a gift to your church: sending 1-2 persons from your congregation to this event? Here are the costs: \$225 registration, which includes three keynote addresses, four workshop sessions, and six meals (if you register by February 10), plus housing and travel cost. The conference hotel (optional) will cost \$238 for two nights (single or double); but for those needing an alternative housing option, we will help you arrange one. There is some scholarship money available from the Synod of the Southwest...contact Mary Lynn if you would like to request some help.

Visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org to read more, download a registration form, and register. More importantly, please contact any one of us with a question.

One final thought: God calls us to growth in the life of Christ: growth in our personal journeys, in our giving, in the ministries of our churches, in our congregational service and outreach/invitation to faith in Jesus Christ. We tend to

compartmentalize these. Perhaps they are all interrelated to one another by God's grace: when we grow in one way, there is a benefit to the whole of faithful living. Join us at next year's Stewardship Kaleidoscope event!

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Mary Lynn Walters, Chair

Chuck Proudfoot, Vice-Chair

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