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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

Interpreter Magazine

www.interpretermagazine.org

Discipleship Resources

www.discipleshipresources.org

Look for the following titles:

- *The Buck Stops Here: Legal and Ethical Responsibilities for United Methodist Organizations*
- *Creating a Climate for Giving*
- *Don't Shoot the Horse ('Til You Know How to Drive the Tractor): Moving From Annual Fund Raising to a Life of Giving*
- *Extraordinary Money: Understanding the Church Capital Campaign*
- *Faith and Money: Understanding Annual Giving in Church*
- *Full Disclosure: Everything the Bible Says About Financial Giving*
- *Holy Smoke! Whatever Happened to Tithing?*
- *Money ~~Isn't~~ Is Everything: What Jesus Said About the Spiritual Power of Giving*
- *Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship for the 21st Century: Lessons from Copernicus*
- *Right on The Money: Messages for Spiritual Growth Through Giving*
- *That's What My Mother Taught Me (and Other Ways Generous Givers Develop)*
- *What Every Leader Needs to Know*

General Board of Discipleship website:

www.gbod.org

South Carolina Annual Conference Website:

www.umcsc.org

For further guidance or help, please contact
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We are here to serve in ministry with you!

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CANNON'S CAMP GROUND

CHAIRPERSON OF STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY GROUP

**"To each is given the manifestation
of the Spirit for the common good."
1 Corinthians 12:7**

The primary task of the Stewardship Ministry Group is to help the people of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church and the community understand the meaning of Christian stewardship and the need to practice it in all of life.

DURATION OF SERVICE
MINIMUM OF **ONE YEAR** AND MAXIMUM OF
THREE YEARS (YOU MAY SERVE AGAIN
AFTER A ONE-YEAR SABBATICAL)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

- **ABILITY TO LISTEN TO AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.**
- **INTEREST IN STEWARDSHIP CONCERNS**
- **ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEES.**
- **SKILLS FOR RESEARCHING EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO STEWARDSHIP.**



Reflect upon these questions. Your responses will help you think about the people of your community and Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church, and how our congregation's stewardship programs might best help them develop and strengthen their relationship with God.

1. What three concerns and what three hopes do you believe people have about their time, abilities, and finances. How do these relate to living as Christian disciples and good neighbors?
2. What three experiences might help people understand more about using their resources wisely relates to the Christian faith, daily living, lifestyle decisions, and the mission of the church?
3. How could the quality of life be improved for at least one specific group of people in our community by the stewardship programs of our congregation?

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY GROUP

1. **Guide the work of the ministry group through the year, including planning the agendas and presiding at meetings.**
2. **Participate in the Church Council, the Committee on Finance, and the Charge Conference, keeping these groups aware of the relationship between Christian stewardship and the mission and ministry of the congregation – as a whole and as individuals.**
3. **Learn about and recommend materials and programs that will help people become involved in Christian stewardship.**
4. **Work through the Church Council to establish a “wills task force” to handle bequests, trusts, annuities, life insurance, and real estate property.**
5. **Be accountable to the Charge Conference through the Church Council.**

If you need to access the Internet for additional help, please contact the church office. We will have a computer set up for your use as members of the Church Council and Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church.

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps.”

1 Peter 2:21

GETTING STARTED

- Revisit the responses to the questions you answered earlier.
- Convene a meeting of the Stewardship Ministry group to evaluate and begin planning the year. Ask a group of people to help you plan.
- Learn about the stewardship hopes and concerns of people in our community. Ask questions! Listen!
- Evaluate our congregation's program of stewardship. What is working well? Where are there weaknesses? What are the gaps?
- Study *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: 2005-2008 - Stewardship*
- Participate in training experiences.