



stewardship ministry *QuickStart guide*

1. FORM A PARISH STEWARDSHIP TEAM

- Form a team of 2 or 3 individuals who exemplify Orthodox Christian stewardship
- Build a team blessed with a variety of gifts, training and experience
- Choose a Christ-centered chair with proven leadership and mentoring skills

2. MAKE A 12-MONTH PLAN

- Create a 12-month parish stewardship calendar & put it in the church master calendar
- Plan for ongoing communication and personal contact with parishioners
- Schedule and assign tasks, communications, visitations and events

3. COMMUNICATE

- Include a variety of stewardship messages in bulletins, e-bulletins and newsletters
- Plan a strategy of visitations or online small group meetings
- Keep the parish council informed and active in promoting stewardship.
- Contact Stewardship Ministries for resources, sample letters, commitment card and more
- Enlist parishioners to offer testimonials in church and in written and video communication
- Offer sermons that apply the theme of the Gospel lessons to Stewardship

4. IMPLEMENT VARIOUS METHODS OF ONLINE GIVING

- Set up online giving and instruct members on the use of the program.
- Include links to online giving in all communications.
- Consider a Stewardship Kiosk for online giving while at the church
- Implement text-giving, online light-a-candle programs and more

5. ENGAGE THE PEOPLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Create opportunities for people to be heard such as town hall meetings
- Get people personally involved in parish ministry
- Welcome new ideas and delegate responsibility
- Listen to and validate the concerns of parishioners

6. UTILIZE THE 2021 THEME:

2021 Theme: "... the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13)

Application: Stewardship is an expression of love.

