

## Stewardship

The Diocesan Stewardship Committee's purpose is to enhance and promote stewardship education and practice throughout the Diocese of West Missouri.

Since the 2010 convention, we have held two major stewardship events. On February 19, 2011, "The Nuts and Bolts of Stewardship," held at Founders' Hall, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, featured keynote speaker The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Following this inspiring and energizing opening, Denis Greene, President of Church Development, in Kansas City, and his associate Matt Scheonfield made a series of presentations on stewardship to sixty-five attendees. These topics included issues of engagement in stewardship, The Stewardship System, planned giving ministry, and the planning and execution of capital campaigns. On September 10, Bishop Marty and Donna Field presented "God's Vision for Your Life" at Grace Church, Carthage. They addressed the discovery, development, and deployment of spiritual gifts. Participants took and analyzed "A Brief Spiritual Gifts Inventory" based on "The 20 Spiritual Gifts of the Bible." There were eighty attendees at this event. At the conclusion of their program, committee member Linda Robertson distributed and commented on a resource list for church stewardship committees.

The committee's budget includes the diocesan membership in The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS), which provides stewardship resources and training. Materials from TENS are available online to all churches in The Diocese of West Missouri.

We plan to offer at least one conference in 2012, as well as to provide information to and consultation with stewardship committees in diocesan churches.

Success will be measured by the number of conference attendees, information submitted on conference evaluation forms, and the number of individual churches served through their stewardship committees, vestries, and bishop's committees.

The committee reflects the promises made in the Baptismal Covenant as it helps others "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship" and "seek and serve Christ in all persons" (*BCP*, 304-05). We promote education not only in tools and techniques but, more importantly, in the spiritual aspects and the Scriptural basis of stewardship.