

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION REPORT

To the 2014 Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey

The Diocesan Stewardship Commission is a hard-working, well-represented diocesan body that meets frequently throughout the year. Its members are focused on ways to enhance its role as stewardship shepherds for the congregations of our Diocese.

Primary attention has been given to the spread of the program called New Consecration Sunday (NCS), which is a very effective process to carry out the annual stewardship efforts in a congregation. Its principles focus on the needs of the giver, rather than on the needs of the church, and we refer to this as Transformational Stewardship. To strengthen the concept of one's need to thank God for all of the abundance in one's life is the primary point of this program. It differs dramatically from the standard approach, which is to say the church needs your money to balance the church budget. Budget talk in NCS is a no-no!

Over a dozen congregations have introduced NCS with the realization of a universal increase in giving, generally between 15% and 20% the first year.. We hope more churches will embark on the introducing and perpetuating the NCS concepts. The guidebook; ***New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program***, by Herb Miller, is available at Amazon.

Another major product of your Stewardship Commission will be occurring on April 5th of this year, when a webinar entitled; ***Stewardship is about Discipleship...not Membership***, will be presented at four regional locations in our diocese. Registration materials will be available soon. We are hopeful that all congregations will be represented at one of the presentation sites.

Speak to any member of our team to become more involved in effective stewardship techniques.

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