

Commission on Stewardship

Report to the 116th Annual Council

Mission: To mobilize clergy and lay leaders to develop stewardship resources, enabling parishes to worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually.

The members of the Commission on Stewardship are Tammy Pallot, Chair (Macon); Mal Underwood (Cartersville), Julia Gable (Decatur), Bill Monk (Sandy Springs), and Ginny Heckel (Clayton). In addition, Lindsey Hardegree (Executive Director of Episcopal Charities Foundation) works with the Commission as the Planned Giving Consultant. We serve under the faithful guidance and leadership of Canon John Thompson-Quarte with assistance from the amazing Sally Ulrey.

The Commission offers free scripture-based, practical training events for clergy and lay stewardship leaders. These workshops include the scriptural building blocks of Christian stewardship, resources for organizing the annual stewardship program, designs for tailoring stewardship communications to generational groups, reasons for giving, a framework for starting a year-round stewardship program, the importance of storytelling and stewardship, and ways to start holy stewardship conversations in the parish. On August 19, the Commission on Stewardship offered its first in person workshop since the beginning of COVID. It was invigorating to finally be together again in person to share the joy of the spiritual practice of stewardship!

We were delighted to have several opportunities to share the ministry of stewardship beyond the borders of the diocese this year. In November, we presented a Stewardship program for Candler Women, an organization that seeks to provide community and support for women students at the Candler School of Theology. In September we were invited by Caffeinated Church, an online platform that provides resources for church communicators and administrators, to present Year-Round Stewardship and the Vital Role of Communicators for Caffeinated Church's monthly Expert Led Workshop.

In addition to the workshops provided by the Commission on Stewardship, we have enabled all parishes access to the online workshops provided by The Episcopal Network on Stewardship (TENS) through our diocesan membership. In addition to offering online workshops, TENS.org offers a plethora of information including comprehensive annual giving programs available for download. Every parish in the Diocese of Atlanta has full member access to TENS. The current login information for TENS is available on the stewardship page of diocesan website.

In addition to facilitating workshops, each member of the Commission serves throughout the diocese and beyond as guest leaders for annual stewardship campaigns, vestry and leadership workshops/retreats, and as a general stewardship resource for parish leaders. The Commission on Stewardship is a resource available to every parish in the diocese.

We are grateful for the continual blessing of the Ministry of Stewardship and, if we can help you or your parish in any way, we hope you will reach out to us.

Respectfully submitted by
Tammy E. Pallot, Chair
tammypallot@gmail.com