

## **Commission on Stewardship**

### **Report to the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Council**

The mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta Commission on Stewardship is to mobilize clergy and lay leaders to develop stewardship resources, enabling parishes to worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually. We are committed to equipping clergy and lay stewardship leaders with the necessary tools and resources to inspire generous giving and responsible stewardship.

This year, we organized and hosted one Circle of Stewardship workshop, a free, scripture-based training event for clergy and lay stewardship leaders. This event provided practical insights and guidance on various aspects of stewardship, including:

1. Scriptural building blocks of Christian stewardship: We explored the biblical foundation of stewardship, emphasizing the teachings and principles that guide our spiritual practice of stewardship.
2. Resources for organizing the annual stewardship program: We provided participants with practical resources to effectively organize and execute annual stewardship campaigns within their parishes.
3. Reasons for giving: We delved into the motivations and benefits of generous giving, highlighting the impact it has on individuals and the broader community.
4. Framework for starting a year-round stewardship program: We offered a framework and strategies for establishing year-round stewardship initiatives, ensuring stewardship remains a core focus throughout the year.
5. The importance of storytelling and stewardship: We emphasized the power of storytelling as a means to convey the impact of stewardship and engage individuals in a deeper understanding of the spiritual practice of stewardship.
6. Ways to start holy stewardship conversations in the parish: Participants gained practical guidance on initiating holy stewardship conversations within their parishes, fostering an environment conducive to open and meaningful dialogue.

In collaboration with The Episcopal Network on Stewardship (TENS), we provided all parishes within the diocese access to online workshops. These workshops covered a wide range of stewardship topics, including innovative practices, effective communication strategies, financial management, and leadership development.

To allow ease of access, the password to access these valuable resources is available at [episcopalatlanta.org/stewardship](http://episcopalatlanta.org/stewardship).

With the help of Canon Easton Davis, we also created a stewardship page on the diocesan website ([episcopalatlanta.org/stewardship](http://episcopalatlanta.org/stewardship)) where various stewardship resources, including PowerPoint presentations, contact information, and workshop details, are readily available.

The Commission on Stewardship actively served throughout the diocese and beyond as guest leaders for annual stewardship campaigns, vestry and leadership workshops/retreats, and as general stewardship resources for parish leaders. This direct involvement allowed us to provide firsthand support, guidance, and inspiration in cultivating a culture of stewardship and generosity within the wider community.

We are pleased to report that the Commission on Stewardship is actively seeking new members to join our important mission. Through increased membership, we aim to expand our reach, enhance our offerings, and further develop strategies to promote stewardship within the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta Commission on Stewardship remains committed to its mission of nurturing and promoting stewardship. We extend our gratitude to all clergy, lay leaders, and partner organizations who supported and contributed to our efforts. Together, we will continue to inspire joyful giving, responsible stewardship, and a culture of generosity within our diocese and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,  
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