

## **(dot) Stewardship | April 2008 Edition**

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### **Stewardship Training in Orlando**

Stewardship Ministries will present a special version of the School of Stewardship at the 27th General Assembly and Conventions in Orlando this summer. Seven workshops on a variety of stewardship topics will be presented on Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26 in room 210A of the North part of the Orange County Convention Center.

Thursday's workshops will include "Teaching Tithing in a Skeptical World," led by Dr. Mark Lail, Stewardship Ministries Director; "Biblical Financial Fitness," led by Matt Schoenfeld, creator of Abundant Living, and "Building a Church Budget and Sticking to It!" also by Dr. Lail. The workshops will be held at 9 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. respectively.

Friday's workshops will include "Teaching Stewardship in the Face of Poverty or Wealth," by Stephen Gualberto; "12 Ways to Fund Your Vision," by Dr. Stan Toler, author and pastor; and "Mini Capital Campaigns: Solutions for Raising \$5,000 to \$50,000" by Rev. Rick Garmon, pastor and capital campaign advisor. The workshops will be held at 9 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. respectively.

An additional workshop, "Giant Steps: A Plan for Moving Children from Greed to Generosity," will be presented by Tom Felder, Resource Manager for Stewardship Ministries and former children's pastor. This workshop will be presented in room 330D in the South Building at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 25.

Each of these workshops is eligible for Continuing Education credit through Clergy Services. Forms and information will be available at the Convention Center.

For more information, visit our homepage, [www.nazarene.org/stewardship](http://www.nazarene.org/stewardship).

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### **Make Earth Day NazaGREEN**

Environmental care and sustainable practices are big issues – and for many of us, they've become issues at church, too. *Are our lights on too much? Where are the recycling bins? Can we really, in good conscience, throw this away? and Should we stop printing and handing out worship folders?* are all questions we're facing. In fact, around here, the questions far outnumber the answers. Your church is probably no different.

The good news is that we don't have to answer all the questions – as long as we can show we're doing something. Earth Day weekend, April 17-19, is a great time to show what we're doing. From picking up trash to trimming trees away from buildings, from planting native shrubs and bushes to doing something about that questionable water run-off area behind the church, Earth Day weekend is a convenient time to involve the activists in your church in a project alongside the usual building and grounds care people.

Plan the weekend around a central activity and make sure you involve food at some level. A little camaraderie over lunch probably wouldn't hurt.

Does the forecast call for a rainy weekend, thwarting your outdoor project plans? Work inside instead... ask volunteers to bring several LED light bulbs and switch out as many regular bulbs as you can find. Install timer switches in offices and Sunday School rooms. Fix up that pathetic corner you call the Recycling Center. Clean out vents to improve ventilation and pull weeds and brush away from your AC units.

Still need more ideas? Check out the Nazagreen blog at [www.nazareneblogs.org/nazagreen](http://www.nazareneblogs.org/nazagreen) and leave some feedback if you want. Or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nazagreen](http://www.twitter.com/nazagreen). We could really use some followers.

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**Workshop Focus: Mini Capital Campaigns: Solutions for raising \$5,000 to \$50,000**

This workshop is strategically designed for churches that need to remodel or build, but do not have the financial resources to do so. Capital campaigns are as diverse as the projects they fund, but the fundamentals of a successful campaign are consistent for churches of all sizes.

While professional consultation is recommended for larger campaigns, this workshop will provide practical and useful tools for conducting a smaller campaign and provide resources to facilitate non-threatening teaching and preaching tools to enhance financial growth.

Presenter Rick Garmon is a dynamic leader and inspirational speaker with nearly 25 years of leadership experience. As Senior Pastor, Founder and President of One Equipped Ministries, Inc., and Senior Consultant for Forward in Faith, he has equipped congregations throughout the United States in raising millions of dollars through successful capital stewardship campaigns for relocation, expansion, and debt retirement. As a veteran of church management, he is sought-after to provide training for vision development, organizational planning, strategic ministry implementation, and stewardship.

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Thanks for reading,

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