

SCHOOL OF STEWARDSHIP

Developing Holy Generosity in a Modern Church

School of Stewardship is a district training event for pastors, treasurers and district personnel. In each presentation, Dr. Mark E. Lail teaches feasible financial practices woven together with inspirational guidance on Biblical stewardship.

Contact Stewardship Ministries to schedule a School of Stewardship event for your district. Honorariums are not accepted and there are no fees associated with any School of Stewardship event. Travel expense assistance is greatly appreciated, but not required.

School of Stewardship events are eligible for lifelong learning hours. Nazarene pastors can register their attendance in the Lifelong Learning Registry at learning.nazarene.org.

Visit nazarene.org/stewardship/school for more information.



"Through School of Stewardship, leaders learn to raise generous Christians instead of just raising money."

-Dr. Mark E. LailDirector, Stewardship Ministries

WORKSHOPS



Money Talks: When, Why and How Ministers Should Talk About Money

Talking about money in the local church can be a daunting task. Debunk myths and learn the importance of communicating about finances so you can approach the topic with confidence.



Five Offerings You Never Thought to Ask For

Gifts you would never consider could provide a sustainable future for your church's ministry. Learn why it's spiritually important and practical to ask for out-of-the-ordinary gifts from your congregation, as well as how the Nazarene Foundation can help you receive these gifts.



Integrity, Transparency and Fraud Prevention

The world has become skeptical of nonprofits in general, and the church specifically. As good stewards of the Lord's resources, our goal is not only to handle resources with integrity, but also to communicate financial activity with transparency.





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Funding the Mission

The Church of the Nazarene implemented the Funding the Mission plan in 2010, founded on a tithe concept. Learn about the plan's history, how it works, church giving goals, Rare Circumstance Adjustments and more.

Generosity Fever: It's Contagious

As a committed giver, you have the power to pass along generosity throughout your church family. How can you create a church culture that is immune to consumerism and nurtures generosity and tithing? Learn to steward God's most beloved resource: His people.

Best Practices in Financial Stewardship

Good financial practices are essential to a healthy church, but it takes effort to maintain an effective system of checks and balances. Learn about audits, fraud and how to keep the finances of your church secure.

Building a Budget and Sticking to It

A church budget is a visionary plan, a map to God's blessing, and an educated guess by stewards of God's resources. Learn how churches of any size can accomplish the mission of the church without fear of the future through effective use of a budget.

Pastors
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Reporting to the Church Board

What does your church board need to know about the finances of the church? Presenting useful documents is important, and leads to increased productivity and greater understanding. Learn how to be completely prepared for your next church board meeting.

Heads Up When Offering is Down

In the midst of an unpredictable economy, you need tools to navigate the economic currents. Learn to lead your church through difficult times while still fulfilling the Church's mission: to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

Teaching Tithing in a Skeptical World

It is challenging to preach about tithing to a skeptical crowd, especially in a success-oriented culture. Learn to understand the reasons behind this skepticism and why sermons on the subject are still important.

Surviving the Annual Audit

Financial transparency is essential for good stewardship of God's resources. Learn how to implement a complete, practical internal audit that raises the level of credibility and trust in your church.

Pastor and Treasurer: Relationship and Ethics

Pastor and treasurer relationships should be uplifting and harmonious. Good communication is the key to successful church finances. Learn three ways to create an atmosphere of support and relevancy in your relationship.

Stewardship in the Small Congregation

Small congregations present beautiful opportunities for unity and fellowship, but financial issues can often be more challenging for smaller churches. Learn to approach your congregation in a way that promotes community as well as generous giving.

Understanding Generational Giving Trends

Previous generations were satisfied with simply giving, but younger generations require a deeper understanding of the organizations they choose to support. Learn about the needs of different generations and how you can ensure their faithful gifts.



