

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

COVENANT —FIRST YEAR CONGREGATIONS Between South Carolina Synod and

Congregation _____

City _____

Pastor _____

Email _____

Lay Leader _____

Email _____

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from May 2021 through April 2022 our congregation agrees to:

_____ Remit \$2,287.50 to the Synod Office to participate

Congregation _____ Date _____

Synod _____ Date _____

COVENANT — RETURNING CONGREGATIONS Between South Carolina Synod and

Congregation _____

City _____

Pastor _____

Email _____

Lay Leader _____

Email _____

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from May 2021 through April 2022 our congregation agrees to:

_____ Remit \$3,020 to the Synod Office to participate

Congregation _____ Date _____

Synod _____ Date _____

IN ADDITION TO OUR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, WE AGREE TO:

- › Faithfully attend all SAS meetings
- › Participate fully in implementing SAS strategies into our congregation.
- › Report results to the Synod Office and Consultants
- › Share stories as requested so that others may learn from our participation
- › Complete financial reports as requested by the Consultants and/or the Office of the Bishop
- › Contribute back to the synod through Mission Support 10% of the increased revenue generated

THE SYNOD PROMISES TO:

- › Pay for graphic design for your SAS effort
- › Pray for each congregation in this effort
- › Provide the resources of GSB Fundraising to guide you through this effort
- › Communicate regularly to keep you fully informed of what is taking place for SAS.

GSB PROMISES TO:

- › Be present for 8 virtual and/or face to face sessions with Congregational Stewardship teams, including one session with Congregation Council
- › Provide unlimited responses by email and phone to stewardship teams as needed between each meeting
- › Provide up to two Zoom meeting sessions per congregation for thorough review of material and coaching
- › Provide a track in the winter/spring to focus more deeply on a topic supporting the stewardship function: strategic planning, planned giving, communications, council leadership, etc.



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The resources of GSB's professional development services are being provided for this pilot program thanks to a special relationship with the South Carolina Synod.

The purpose of Stewardship For All Seasons (SAS) is to guide pastors and congregation leaders to learn tried and true basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs. Learn how to do year-round, on-going stewardship resulting in more money for ministry, more energized stewards, and a culture of generosity. **RELY ON MORE THAN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL. THINK STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT.**

BENEFITS OF STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

- › Prepare your congregation's story
- › Educate people to tell that story
- › Focus attention on your congregation's mission
- › Inspire people to give generously
- › Learn tools and methods that really work
- › Build a team that enjoys leading stewardship efforts
- › Become confident and skilled in stewardship development
- › Apply biblical principles to gain more resources for mission
- › Experience the joy of asking and giving
- › Avoid searching for the latest hot stewardship program
- › Increase annual giving by 10 - 20% or more each year

TIMETABLE

- › **March and April** - Congregations approve participation and select teams
- › **May** - First meeting of all Rostered Leaders and at least one member of SAS team from each congregation meet with consultant
- › **June** - Electronic meeting with consultant, congregational council and SAS team to discuss process and goal setting
- › **August** - First gathering of teams with consultant
- › **August 30 - September 15** - Individual consultations by Zoom
- › **September** - Meeting of team
- › **Oct 1- Nov 30** - Congregational appeals conducted
- › **January 2022** - Meeting to launch season of Evaluation and to review results from Fall drive
- › **March 2022** - Meeting to look at special giving options
- › **April 2022** - Final meeting

COVENANTS:

Congregations participating in SAS will sign a covenant that outlines responsibilities and expectations of the congregation and the synod.

INVESTMENT:

The fee is reduced to \$2,287.50 for first year congregations and \$3,020 for returning congregations because of the synod partnership. Congregations are asked to contribute back to the synod through Mission Support 10% of the increased revenues generated until the congregation has reached 10% of regular giving by members annually.



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