

NCP Stewardship Report
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In 2020 the Stewardship Committee threw out the plan early in the year and tried to adapt to new and un-written ideas for the pandemic. As we anticipate post-pandemic programs, we are planning how to get back to normal but keep some of the new.

- **Significant Events (2020)**

- SURVEYS on Stewardship in the Pandemic
 - Early Pandemic: dozen questions about actual and expected trends on attendance, giving, virtual presence, etc. General responses were far more optimistic than anticipated. Majority of churches responded. We provided webinar on results.
 - Mid-Pandemic: same questions asked to compare late 2020 with earlier 2020. The pandemic was weighing heavily but churches still more resilient than anticipated.
- WEBINARS
 - Endowing Your Pledge – Feb 18, 2020
 - How to continue supporting those who come next.
 - Socially Distanced “FALL CAMPAIGN” Webinar – July, 2020
 - How to do stewardship fall campaign in a virtual environment.
 - Helping Generosity in Uncertain Times – March 23, 2020
 - How to assess challenges and adapt stewardship ministry using old and new tools.
 - Survey Results for “Stewardship in 2020” – June 23, 2020
 - Presentation on results of how our churches feel they are doing in stewardship and ministry. What are challenges and ideas.

- **Programming 2021**

- WEBINAR PROGRAMING: The committee intends to provide relevant programming for churches returning to in-person worship. The preference is to use other partners for webinars – and provide our own only when it is unique or urgent/not elsewhere being addressed.
 - June webinar: Presenters Lovett Weems and Ann Michel on their new book: Generosity, Stewardship and Abundance: A Transformational Guide to Church Finance
- CONFERENCES: The committee is recommending and providing financial support for NCP churches to send a rep virtually or in person to a conference: Planned Giving Days Online (a Secular program) or Stewardship Kaleidoscope online or in person (Presbyterian).
- ONLINE LIBRARY: the committee maintains a library of the most requested/needed webinars and resources that is considered to be a high value go-to resource by local churches.