

# Stewardship Updates!

Equipping for God's Mission

## Mission & Service:

**Deadline is Fast Approaching!**

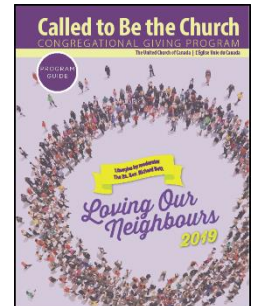
- **Deadline to get 2018 Mission & Service donations to General Council Office is January 31<sup>st</sup>.** Please make sure your Pastoral Charge gets its Mission & Service in on time. Charges may choose a number of options to send their Mission & Service dollars. Contact me if you want this information.
- The new **2019 Minute for Mission booklets** were sent out in December. For additional copies, let me know. You can also download Minutes for Mission electronically, as well as great new videos, from [Minutes for Mission 2019](#)



## Congregational Giving:

### Called to be the Church: Loving Our Neighbours

- **It is in the Mail!!!** Called to be the Church 2019. We continue the theme "Loving Our Neighbours". All **NEW worship materials** for use during 5 weeks of **Lent**. Liturgies written by our new **Moderator**, The Rt. Rev. Richard Bott!! Sermons feature spiritual practices relating to generosity.
- Each congregation will be sent a basic level package.
- Each minister will be sent the full package.
- Always downloadable from [www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca](http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca)
- See the promotional video here: <https://goo.gl/BNHYgZ>



### NEW WEBINARS: "Loving our Neighbours: Inspire, Invite; Thank

- Use this three-part series to help implement your annual United Church giving program in either Lent 2019 or Fall 2019.
- The sessions will introduce the new material and features of this year's program. Each of the sessions will also focus on one of the three key practices that encourage generosity, giving and gratitude.

**Inspire (February 5 or April 30)** Learn how to share our faith story and illustrate how we live our faith.

**Invite (February 12 or May 7)** Learn how to invite others to join you in support of God's mission at a community meal or through a letter.

**Thank (February 19 or May 14)** Learn how to ensure that our thanks and gratitude are timely, personal and sincere.

For more information, and to register ... see [Here](#)

## Planned Giving:

- Did you know that the United Church receives approximately \$17.8 Million per year in Planned Gifts and that 80% of those flow directly to a Congregation? Is your congregation prepared to receive a Planned Gift? Are you letting your people know that there are wonderful ways that they can leave a substantial gift and a wonderful legacy?



We have a great resource for you – to help initiate conversations about planned gifts and to set up an effective Planned Gift Program. It is called [Launching a Planned Giving Program in Your Congregation](#)

I am also willing to share information/lead a workshop on this resource in person

## Understand the New Assessment Process?

- Some people have told me that they have questions about the new Assessment process (in place now). Do you have any questions? Would you like some resources to help explain it to members of your Pastoral Charge. Here is a great **You Tube** Video that it explains how the new Assessments will be calculated: [New Assessments](#)  
This short video also gives links to other helpful information and resources.

## Interesting Link

- Do you have an up-to-date Will? The beginning of a new year is a great time to review your Will and Estate Plan. If you have a Will, does it need to be updated? Here is a great article that explores when it is we should consider a review/update: [When Should You Review your Will or Estate Plan?](#)

## Be in touch!!!

- If you are looking for encouragement, new ways to think about stewardship, best practice resources, help to implement Congregational Giving, Mission & Service, Planned Legacy Giving, United Church Foundation, investing opportunities for your congregation, and personalised support to help grow strong generous thankful disciples, then contact me and let's talk. I am now booking appointments and workshops for this Spring and Fall.

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