

Facilitator

Rev. Susan Ranous is an ordained Deacon and Director of Christian Stewardship for the Upper New York Conference.

Her specialized ministry as a deacon is in stewardship, clergy tax and church finance. Her dream has been to educate and assist clergy and laity in their understanding and experience of stewardship. Her call by God is to "be" a Deacon in the United Methodist church, utilizing her knowledge and experience as an accountant, to be an interpreter of true stewardship, as evidence of discipleship, for clergy and laity, partnering with them in ministry.

Sharing all concepts of stewardship, including self, time, talents, money...everything, is one of her tasks and honors.

She hopes you will join with her in this exciting experience!

Stewardship Academy

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Who Should Attend

Clergy (approved for CEU)

Laitly (approved by lay servant credit)

All those passionate about stewardship

This is an opportunity to read and learn about stewardship and all that it entails. There will be a final project due after the conclusion of the academy. The topic would be one we have covered that you may want to get more detail on. It will be an opportunity to focus on an aspect of stewardship that you could use and help others utilize.

Cost to Attend

\$300 per person

Dates

- April 23 * 10 am - 3 pm - Via Zoom
- May 21 * 10 am - 3 pm - Via Zoom
- June 18 * 10 am - 3 pm - Via Zoom
- July 16 (may be via Zoom or in person)

It is planned that the first three sessions will be held via Zoom. The fourth session may be held via Zoom or in person. Participants will discuss this further.

READINGS

Ministry and Money by Janet T. Jamieson and Philip D. Jamieson

Generosity Rising: Lead a Stewardship Revolution in Your Church by Scott McKenzie

Don't Shoot the Horse Until You Know How to Drive the Tractor by Herb Mather

Happy Surprises: Help Others Discover the Joy of Giving by David Heetland

Propel by Clayton L. Smith

Other Resources

United Methodist Book of Discipline

Local Church Treasurer Handbooks (available on Upper New York Conference website)

Guidelines - Finance

Guidelines - Stewardship

GCFA Audit Guide and FAQs

A Generosity Audit Guide by Clayton L. Smith

SESSIONS

Session 1

Introduction * Theology of Stewardship * United Methodist Stewardship * Economy * Sins of Stewardship * Leadership in the Area of Stewardship * Giving in the Local Church

Session 2

Campaign Types * Essential Parts of ALL Campaigns * Year-Round Stewardship * Three Types of Giving * Planned Giving * Planning Commitment

Session 3

Financial Statements * Restricted vs. Non-Restricted Assets * Audits * Narrative Budgets * Goals * Financial Analysis

Session 4

Generosity * Generosity Audit * Developing Personal and Corporate Theology * Climate of Commitment * Healthy vs. Not Healthy * Reviewing Projects and Plans

