

## **Commission on Stewardship Report to 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Council**

The Commission on Stewardship is delighted to report that we have been very busy this year. Last fall we were honored to serve as consultants and guest leaders at more than 14 parishes within the Diocese of Atlanta as well as 1 parish outside of the diocese.

In addition to serving at individual parishes, we offer a stewardship workshop in the spring and one in the fall for clergy and lay stewardship leaders at the Cathedral of St. Philip. These workshops provide scripture-based and practical training for stewardship team members as well as other church leaders. Workshop leaders present ideas on:

- scriptural building blocks of Christian stewardship
- resources for organizing your annual stewardship program
- designs for tailoring stewardship communications to generational groups
- reasons for giving
- a framework for starting a year-round stewardship program
- ways to start holy stewardship conversations in your parish.

These workshops are offered free of charge and lunch is provided. We were thrilled to have 41 people participate in our August workshop!

This past June was especially exciting as the Diocese of Atlanta hosted the Annual Conference for The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. People from all over the country gathered at the Emory University Conference Center to participate in the TENS pre-conference as well as two days of workshops and worship at the conference. We were blessed to have Sister Joan D. Chittister, O.S.B., The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, and The Rev. Charles LaFonde as keynote speakers. We are grateful to Bishop Wright and the entire Diocese of Atlanta for enabling us to host this wonderful event.

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) is a wonderful resource and has additional resources available to its members online, including many of the presentations from the conference. The Diocese of Atlanta has demonstrated its belief in the importance of the spiritual practice of stewardship and its desire to support stewardship in our parishes by purchasing a membership to TENS for every parish in the diocese. Please contact a member of the Commission on Stewardship for the logon information.

Although we work with, and encourage the development of, a year round stewardship program, the fall is our most active time. This is the time of year when most parishes have their annual stewardship campaign. We are available to serve as consultants and guest leaders whenever needed. We encourage clergy and lay leaders to utilize the Commission on Stewardship as one of the many valuable resources available to them.

Respectfully submitted by  
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