

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

Annual Stewardship Campaigns

Only half of the purpose of a financial stewardship commitment campaign is to raise funds for God's work through the congregation's ministries. The other half is to strengthen the link between our personal relationship with God and our worship life, on the one hand, and our everyday, practical, financial decisions, on the other. In other words, the annual stewardship campaign prompts us to personally respond to God's call and invite one another to mature as generous, joyful givers.

This means the annual campaign is just one aspect of a year-round, multi-dimensional approach to stewardship that includes creating a climate for generous giving; engaging in Bible and stewardship studies; developing a narrative budget approach to ministries; equipping and guiding the local church Stewardship Committee; continuing to learn from various resources; and lifting up great stewardship in worship itself. (See the [Resources](#) section below.)

But what about specific annual stewardship programs? On this page you will find the names of a wide variety of programs, as well as descriptions of them from three mainline perspectives, including the United Methodist Church. Contact Betsy Schwarzentraub to schedule a workshop that proposes a cyclical approach and shows your church leaders several program examples. The Foundation recommends that you use no single program more than two years in a row, so your members can experience something fresh and creative that fits their theology in the context of biblical stewardship. Betsy would be glad to work with your congregation to develop what fits you best and moves your congregation forward as a community of gospel stewards.