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Cultivating a Culture of Generosity



November 7–8, 2008
Emmanuel College
Toronto, Ontario

Don't miss this great continuing education opportunity for clergy and lay stewardship leaders!

Dessert on Friday, November 7, kicks off this stewardship event, which continues until 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. Registration cost is \$100, which also includes Saturday's lunch.

Plenary leaders are the Rev. Jan Bihl of Coquitlam, BC, and the Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson of Summerside, PEI.

Six workshops will be led by members of the national Stewardship Development Advisory Committee. Topics will include appreciative inquiry; the language of generosity; asset mapping; the emerging church; stewardship best practices; and discussing money in a context of faith. Together, we will explore how to change the culture of your congregation or community ministry from scarcity to a sense of abundance.

For more information, including how to register, see united-church.ca/getinvolved/events or call 416-231-7680, ext. 4029, for a brochure.

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther

Beyond Security: 2009 North American Stewardship Conference

June 18–20, 2009
Toronto, Ontario

This exciting ecumenical event happens once every five years!



An event for clergy and laity, for people of all ages—to **BE** the church **today!**

Speakers will include:

- **Blair Clark**, Associate General Secretary, Canadian Baptist Ministries
- **Eleanor Clitheroe**, Anglican priest and president of Prison Fellowship Canada
- **Nathan Dungan**, author of *Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM* and founder and president of Share Save Spend
- **Bill Phipps**, former Moderator, The United Church of Canada, and co-founder of Faith and the Common Good
- **Rick Tobias**, president and CEO of Yonge Street Mission, Toronto
- **Henry Wildeboer**, adjunct professor, Tyndale University College and Seminary

30+ workshops on congregational stewardship, personal/family choices, stewardship of creation.

Register by May 1, 2009, for the early bird price of \$325; after May 1, registration is \$350.

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Inter-Church Stewardship Committee and the Ecumenical Stewardship Center.

For more information and online registration:
www.stewardshipresources.org

It's Easy Being Green: 2008 Ecumenical Stewardship Center Leadership Seminar

December 1–4, 2008

Hilton Resort
Marco Island, Florida

The 2008 Leadership Seminar theme of “Stewardship and Sustainability” provides an opportunity to network and gain insight on sustainability in our churches, communities, and denominations.



**Register by October 20 to receive the
Early Bird individual price of \$375!
Group rates too!**

Note the significant **Canadian content** in this line-up of presenters:

- **Fletcher Harper**, GreenFaith
- **Stan McKay**, former Moderator, The United Church of Canada
- **David Radcliff**, New Community Project
- **Bryan Moyer Suderman**, Canadian musician and composer
- **Mark Vincent**, Design for Ministry
- **C. Jeff Woods**, American Baptist Churches, USA

Part of the event includes options for:

- Eco-shelling boat tour (additional cost \$35)
- Waverunner tours to several islands around Marco Island (additional cost \$140)

To register or for more information, visit www.stewardshipresources.org.

Some Are Called to Be

July 15–19, 2009
University of Guelph
Kemptville Campus

Stewardship is becoming more visible and essential as the church moves into the future. Learn new ways to make the most of God's gifts at this event sponsored by the Stewardship Network, Montreal & Ottawa Conference.



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Featured Stewardship Resources

Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?

Alternatives for Simple Living offers ways to resist consumerism, especially at festive times such as Christmas. The 2008 edition of *Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway? Ideas for a Christ-Centered Holiday* contains a reflection by Barbara Fullerton on “Transforming Santa” and is available from UCRD in a version created especially for United Church congregations.



Why not buy a copy for every family in your congregation?

CH10514 1–9 copies \$3.00 each, 10+ \$2.00 each

“**Transforming Santa**” and “**\$teward\$hip at Chri\$tma\$**” are both available at www.united-church.ca/exploring/stewardship/allages.

White Gift resources are available at www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/whitegift. This year's service focuses on M&S.

Spirit Given Gifts is David Ewart's revised Spiritual Gifts Inventory. This gift to the whole church is online at www.spiritgivengifts.com.

2009 Stewardship Seconds will be available at www.united-church.ca/planning/theme/seconds in December.

Transplant Recipients “Go for the Gold” in Windsor



Six members of the Ontario East Transplant Support Group (OETSG) recently participated in the Canadian Transplant Games in Windsor,

Ontario, coming away with 14 medals, including five gold—though as Pastor Ian Robb, OETSG co-founder and Transplant Games team member, says, “Each member of this team had already won gold before the Games thanks to the gift given to them by either a family member or an anonymous donor.”

Stewardship of life is one of our highest priorities. Please ensure that your wishes regarding organ donation are made known on your OHIP card, and carry a donor card in your purse or wallet. For more information on OETSG: www.oetsg.com.