

# STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

## COVENANT

Between Southern Ohio Synod and

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

For our participation in Stewardship for All Seasons from July 2018 through April 2020 our congregation agrees to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Remit \$2,000 each year (2018 & 2019)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Synod \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### IN ADDITION TO OUR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, WE AGREE TO:

- › Faithfully attend all SAS meetings
- › Participate fully in implementing SAS strategies into our congregation.
- › Report results to the Synod Office and Consultants
- › Share stories as requested so that others may learn from our participation
- › Complete financial reports as requested by the Consultants and/or the Office of the Bishop
- › Tithe 10% of our net revenue increase to the Synod.

### THE SYNOD PROMISES TO:

- › Pray for each congregation in this effort
- › Provide the resources of GSB Fundraising to guide you through this effort
- › Communicate regularly to keep you fully informed of what is taking place for SAS.

### GSB PROMISES TO:

- › Be present for seven face-to-face sessions with Congregational Stewardship teams, including one session with Congregation Council
- › Provide unlimited responses by email and phone to stewardship teams as needed between each meeting
- › Provide up to two GoTo meeting sessions per congregation for thorough review of material and coaching
- › Provide graphic design for bulletin inserts, brochure and intent card both years



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The resources of GSB's professional development services are being provided for this pilot program thanks to a special relationship with the Southern Ohio Synod.

The purpose of Stewardship For All Seasons (SAS) is to guide pastors and congregation leaders to learn tried and true basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs. Learn how to do year-round, on-going stewardship resulting in more money for ministry, more energized stewards, and a culture of generosity. **RELY ON MORE THAN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL. THINK STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT.**

## BENEFITS OF STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

- › Prepare your congregation's story
- › Educate people to tell that story
- › Focus attention on your congregation's mission
- › Inspire people to give generously
- › Learn tools and methods that really work
- › Build a team that enjoys leading stewardship efforts
- › Become confident and skilled in stewardship development
- › Apply biblical principles to gain more resources for mission
- › Experience the joy of asking and giving
- › Avoid searching for the latest hot stewardship program
- › Increase annual giving by 10 - 20% or more each year

## TIMETABLE

- › **June 2018** - Congregations approve participation and select teams
- › **June - July** - Electronic meeting with consultant, congregational council and SAS team to discuss process and goal setting
- › **August** - First meeting of all Rostered Leaders and at least one member of SAS team from each congregation meet with consultant
- › **September** - Second gathering of teams with consultant
- › **August 30 - September 15** - Individual consultations by Skype/GoTo mtg
- › **September** - Meeting of team
- › **Oct 1- Nov 30** - Congregational appeals conducted
- › **January 2019** - Meeting to launch season of Evaluation and to review results from Fall drive
- › **March 2019** - Meeting to look at special giving options
- › **Fall 2019 - April 2020** - Calendar to be provided later

## COVENANTS:

Congregations participating in the SAS Pilot will sign a covenant that outlines responsibilities and expectations of the congregation and the synod.

## INVESTMENT:

The fee is reduced to \$2,000 per year with a 2 year commitment because of the synod partnership. Congregations are also asked to contribute back to the synod 10% of the increased revenue generated to cover the costs associated with this program.



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