

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 May, 2021 through April, 2023 our congregation agrees to:

_____ Remit \$2,000 each year (2021 & 2022)

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 eight meetings (with up to 6 of these being virtual)
- › Offer a deep dive track into planned giving, strategic planning, council leadership, or other key topic in the 2nd year.
- › Provide unlimited responses by email and phone to stewardship teams as needed between each meeting
- › Provide up to two Zoom 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

- › **By April 15, 2021** - Congregations approve participation and select teams
- › **May 2021** - First meeting with consultant
- › **June - July** - Electronic meeting with consultant, congregational council and SAS team to discuss process and goal setting
- › **August** - Second meeting of all Rostered Leaders and at least one member of SAS team from each congregation meet with consultant
- › **September** - Third gathering of teams with consultant
- › **August 30 - September 15** - Individual consultations by Zoom
- › **Oct 1- Nov 30** - Congregational appeals conducted
- › **January 2022** - Meeting to launch season of Evaluation and to review results from Fall drive
- › **March 2022** - Meeting to look at special giving options
- › **Fall 2022 - April 2023** - Calendar to be provided later

COVENANTS:

Congregations participating in SAS 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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