

THE PILOT PROGRAM

The Generosity Project pilot program will run from September 2017-December 2018 with a cohort group of pastors from New England regions. The cohort will be created through a nomination and application process in consultation with regional executive ministers. The cohort will begin by defining generosity and stewardship and sharing our stories of celebration around personal and corporate generosity. We will examine the challenge of stewardship in the 21st century and learn how to re-frame the conversation. Finally, we will create experiments to nurture generosity in ourselves, our families, and our congregations. The cohort will be led by Rev. Stacy Emerson, ABCUSA Stewardship Facilitator: 800-ABC-3USA x2010, or stacy.emerson@abc-usa.org

RESOURCES

Resources, including books, webinars, and a “Generosity Is...” blog will be available at our website:

www.abc-usa.org/generosityproject

TAKE OUR SURVEY...THANK YOU!

We are gathering information about the stewardship ministries of our ABC churches and you can help us by filling out our survey, also found at www.abc-usa.org/generosityproject

THE GENEROSITY PROJECT



“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”
1 Corinthians 4:1-2



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IS ABOUT...

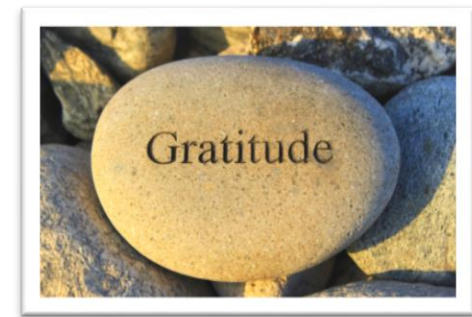
- helping congregations deepen their understanding of stewardship as a call to generosity as disciples of Jesus
- re-framing the stewardship conversation
- cultivating generosity in pastors, lay people, and congregations

NURTURES...

- *Celebration*: we will celebrate God's abundance and deepen our gratitude for God's many blessings
- *Conversation*: we will consider the challenge of stewardship (why is this so hard?) and learn new ways of leading our stewardship ministry
- *Change*: we will be challenged to change old patterns around stewardship
- *Creativity*: we will create "experiments" to find new ways of engaging stewardship in our congregations

CREATES...

- *Hope* for the future of the church
- *New Possibilities* for the church's mission and growth
- *Generous Disciples* who serve as the hands and feet of Christ



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Generosity is centered in the abundance of God and is expressed through our gratitude, our attitudes, and our actions
- Generosity is essential to the fulfillment of our Christian faith and discipleship in Christ
- When we are able to re-frame the conversation around stewardship, trust and faith are nurtured and congregational culture around stewardship can change