



Stewardship Reflections

Abundance...Generosity...Gratitude

A Hampack mailing offering stewardship thoughts, reflections and actions in your personal lives and in your congregations.

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A LENS OF GENEROSITY

During the fall of 2007, Hamilton Conference has offered workshops that provided congregations an opportunity to think about the possibilities of intentional practices, making specific use of Diana Butler Bass' book "Christianity for the Rest of Us" - practices of hospitality, discernment, healing, contemplation, testimony, diversity, justice, worship, reflection and beauty.

In the January 2008 United Church Stewardship Network Newsletter, the newly constituted Stewardship Development Advisory Committee offers a four-step practice to keep us focused on generosity. The four steps are four questions:

1. How have we seen God's gift to us?
2. How have we lived from gratitude and generosity?
3. How have we worked from an attitude of abundance?
4. How have we sensed God's grace?

RADICAL GRATITUDE

If you are interested in "Weekly reflections on responding to God's abundant grace", sign up for a weekly email from the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church www.umfnw.org On the home page you will see the heading "Radical Gratitude" and you can subscribe there. Each week is related to the church season and provides reflections, quotes, and lectionary reflections on the readings.

December 31, 2007, the reflection question was "Where have you seen God at work during the past week?" and a narrative to go along with the question from Reverend Mike Graef....check it out for yourself in the archives at the site above.

**In 2008, take time to practice seeing God's gift,
living gratitude and generosity,
working from an attitude of abundance
and sensing God's grace in all of life.**