



Stewardship Reflections

Abundance...Generosity...Gratitude

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offering stewardship thoughts, reflections and actions
for your personal lives and for your congregational lives

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**"Christianity is a sacred pathway to someplace better,
a journey of transforming our selves, our faith communities and our world...
There are many pilgrims on this road...welcome to our pilgrimage."**

Diana Butler Bass. Christianity for the Rest of Us. C2006

STEWARDSHIP "CAMPAIGN" TIME THIS FALL?

As we move into the fall planning cycles in our congregations,
there may be stewardship programming taking place.

Questions to ponder:

When you are thinking about your stewardship "campaign" ask yourselves:

- Can we establish a stewardship program that is motivated by the abundance that fills each of our lives? Or will we be asking for money from the viewpoint of scarcity because we never seem to have "enough"?
- Can we celebrate with gratitude the incredible opportunity we are given every day:
 - *To be involved in the ministries of worshipping, caring, learning and reaching out?
 - * To be challenged to give extravagantly in response to the God who gives to us?
- Can we begin to think of these ministries as spiritual practices and reflect on what it would be like to shape our stewardship programming with a request to engage body, mind and spirit in the spiritual practice of worshipping, the spiritual practice of learning, the spiritual practice of caring, and the spiritual practice of reaching out.
- And at the point where we are fully engaged, can we begin to dream how we might respond - responding not out of mere duty, but responding out of love for God and for neighbour?