Rediscover Macedonia
Workshop I & II
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Rediscover Macedonia
The Seven Principles

1. Commitment
2. Sacrifice
3. Share
4. Give Freely
5. Generosity
6. Abundant Joy
7. Gratitude
2 Corinthians 8:2

Saint Paul Preaching in Athens
Raffaello Sanzio
2 Corinthians 8:1

We want you to know, brothers and about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia.
2 Corinthians 8:2

During a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity.
I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you!
2 Corinthians 7:16

A ministry of stewardship that presents a way to make a common confession of faith.
Workshop Goals & Capacities
Forming Measurable Outcomes
Goals

1. Connect giving with faith.
2. Understand where giving goes.
3. Grow congregational giving.
5. Develop generosity.
Capacities

1. Embrace tithing.
2. Explore technology.
4. Equip steward leaders.
Measurable Outcomes

1. Benchmark survey.
2. One-on-one conversations.
3. “Relational Ask.”
4. Increase in giving.
5. Support to the synod.
Recreating a Macedonia Project Workshop
Who, Why, When & Where?
• All congregations!
• 4-6 leaders.
  • One rostered leader.
  • One person from congregation council.
• Encourage diversity!
Why Participate?

Uncertainty in…
• how to talk openly.
• why to give.
• how to ask others.
• where the money goes.
• how to re-shape the culture.
Why Participate?

• Strengthen faith.
• Engage in conversation.
• Stimulate local and global ministry.
• Identify new leaders.
• Grow regular giving.
• Recreate the congregation’s culture.
When are Workshops Held?

• Any time of the year!
• Strive for year-round growth.
• Most often, between March and August.
• Follow-up eight weeks later.
Where are Workshops Held?

• Central location.
• Aim for 30 people or more.
• Extra space for small groups.
• Basic supplies & projector.
• Proper lighting & temperature.
Congregational Trend Report

- ELCA.org
- Find a Congregation.
- Enter zip code.
- Find your Report.
**Congregational Trend Report**

- Positive trends?
- Significant events?
- Growth opportunities?
Plenary Sharing

• What new concepts or ideas did you learn from Stewardship 101RM?

• What did you learn from looking at your Congregational Trend Report?
Macedonia Resources

- Bible Studies
- Bookmark
- Building Case Statements
- Bulletin Inserts
- Congregational Worksheet

- Making a “Relational Ask”
- One-on-One Conversations
- Sermon Starters
- Temple Talk
- Ten Reasons to Tithe
Competencies of a Well-Formed Steward

To Do List

Build a Case
Practice Personal Stewardship
Review Mission Support
Do a “Relational Ask”
Create a Work Plan

2 × 2 × 2
Between Today & Next Time

1. Write your personal stewardship goal.
2. Make a case for personal stewardship principles.
3. State your specific personal ministry goals.
4. Find 10 reasons to tithe to God’s work.

5. List congregational activities for the next 12 months.

6. Identify people to make a “Relational Ask.”
Between Last Time & Today

- What were the two most important lessons that you learned?
- What progress did you make on your personal stewardship goal?
- What barriers did you discover?
- How will you overcome those barriers?
How might God use this to **transform** individuals and congregations?
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Workshop II
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How Did You Do?

1. What is your personal stewardship goal?
2. Can you make a case for personal stewardship principles?
3. What are your specific personal ministry goals?
How Did You Do?

4. Can you list 10 reasons to tithe to God’s work?

5. What are your congregational activities for the next 12 months?

6. Who did you identify to make a “Relational Ask”? 
Between Last Time & Today

• What were the two most important lessons that you learned?
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Activity!
Why?
Who?
Progress Report!
Summarize Your Work Plan!
When?
Where?
Plenary Debriefing

Summarize your Congregational Work Plan

• What barriers or obstacles have you discovered could impact the effectiveness of your stewardship efforts in the months ahead?

• Likewise, openings or opportunities?
Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty & Delight
Dr. Mark Allan Powell
Try-a-Tithe Sunday

• What is biblical tithing?
• What are some of the most important Old Testament references to tithing?
• How does the New Testament address the opportunity to tithe?
• When one tithes, is the tithe on gross or net income?
Engaging in One-on-One Conversations
Making a “Relational Ask”
Prayer Requests

1. How can we pray for you?
2. From your perspective, how can our congregation grow in doing God’s work?
3. “Our family…” Will you join us in growing and giving to God through our congregation?
Updating Your Work Plan
How might God use this to transform individuals and congregations?