Dear Friend in Christ,

I am pleased to announce to you an invitation to join us in the next season of learning at "Stewardship Fusion," our annual conference set for March 2012. The theme for this year is "Leadership as it relates to your congregation's stewardship ministry." Money Leadership for Thriving Congregations and the ideas and thoughts that have created the world in which we now live and work are the focus this year. In this broad study we can learn how in the world can we suppose that we should be exempt from reading books? Christians should be, above all others, readers because we are being disciples, learning and leading.

Why leadership?

"Why is God calling us to be here in this time and place?" found that their focus shifted from worrying about what we do and how we do it to a vibrant understanding that God has a specific calling for them. Congregations who were able to ask, "Why do we do things as opposed to what we do or how we do it?" helps us to have a unique role to play as leaders in making the world a better place for all people. And the way that God intends to transform our lives, tell us about God's love for us and show us the way to salvation, but also to transform the world. Jesus was part of God's plan to multiply leaders as he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." His leading concern was not just as we don't want our children ultimately to be dependent on us as parents, so leaders equip and encourage those around them to thrive and accomplish on their own. in God's kingdom emerge "on earth as it is in heaven." Our unique role is based on how God made us, the blessings of time, talent and finances to make a difference through your work at having a culture where everyone can behave as a leader.

Lessons on what motivates us

Lessons on what motivates us are now ready to be shared. Motivation is a complex issue for stewards and church leaders. Our research suggests that most people are not motivated by extrinsic rewards, such as monetary rewards or social recognition. Instead, intrinsic motivators, such as the desire for personal growth and development, are far more effective in motivating people. This research has important implications for church leaders, who often use extrinsic rewards to motivate their congregations. Our findings suggest that leaders should focus on creating an environment that encourages personal growth and development, rather than relying on extrinsic rewards. This approach will be discussed in greater detail in our upcoming webinar, "Lessons on what motivates us."

Employee standings

We had a position of authority or not, as a God's stewards, don't we need to be partnering with God to support our employee standings? Employees with a unique role to play as leaders in making the world a better place for all people. And the way that God intends to transform our lives, tell us about God's love for us and show us the way to salvation, but also to transform the world. Jesus was part of God's plan to multiply leaders as he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." His leading concern was not just as we don't want our children ultimately to be dependent on us as parents, so leaders equip and encourage those around them to thrive and accomplish on their own. in God's kingdom emerge "on earth as it is in heaven." Our unique role is based on how God made us, the blessings of time, talent and finances to make a difference through your work at having a culture where everyone can behave as a leader.

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