

Giving and Stewardship

Salted with Fire: Unitarian Universalist Strategies for Sharing Faith and Growing Congregations

Scott W. Alexander, editor

Addresses the history of Unitarian Universalist evangelism, the modern interpretation of evangelism and advice for congregational growth and increased member commitment of "time, talent and treasure."

Beyond Fundraising: The Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship

Wayne B. Clark

Moves congregations beyond the restrictive myth of scarcity and leads them toward the reality of abundance. "Readers will come to understand a view of fundraising as stewardship rather than a necessary evil, a way for a congregation to fulfill its mission and increase its capacity to do something significant."—Lawrence Peers, Consultant, the Alban Institute

Beyond the Collection Plate: Overcoming Obstacles to Faithful Giving

Michael Durall

Analyzes how many prevailing practices in stewardship campaigns have lost their effectiveness. Provides strategies for encouraging more giving.

Creating Congregations of Generous People

Michael Durall

Challenges congregations to accept their responsibility for the stewardship process and empowering people to lead more generous lives. Delineates a practical process for establishing a year-round stewardship program.

Getting the Word Out: The Alban Guide to Church Communications

Frederick H. Gonnerman

Practical advice for creating high-quality publications and public relations efforts that will enhance a congregation's overall ministry, including stewardship and parish education. Shows readers how to create useful, readable and attractive materials—in print and online—for the congregation and the broader community. Includes advice for special events.

Churchworks: A Well-Body Book for Congregations

Anne Odin Heller

Accessible guidebook uses the human body as a model for a church community. Provides creative and practical prescriptions for health in all aspects of a congregation—spiritual development, covenants and mission

statements, growth and new membership, conflict resolution, ministry, building and grounds and more.

Fundraising with a Vision: A Canvass Guide for Congregations

Ed Landreth

Based on the belief that fundraising is deeply affected by a congregation's vision of what it wants to be, this guide provides step-by-step tips for planning and running a well-organized annual canvass.

The Abundance of Our Faith

Edited by Terry Sweetser and Susan Milnor

Learn how to talk about money from the experts, the nineteen winners of the Annual Program Fund Sermon Contest from 1984 to 2005. This unusual resource is useful for stewardship sermons, retreats, workshops, canvass presentations and group study. Sweetser is the Unitarian Universalist Association's Vice President for Stewardship and Development, and Milnor has twenty years of experience as a parish minister.

Offerings: Remarks on Passing the Plate

Robert Thayer

Collected anecdotes and reflections for use before the offering. Shows readers how to turn the sensitive topic of asking for money into the art of giving and receiving. Thayer is a retired minister, former member of the Unitarian Universalist Association Annual Program Fund Committee and a strong advocate for stewardship education in congregations.

Giving – The Sacred Art: Creating a Lifestyle of Generosity

Lauren Tyler Wright

Giving can change your life and the lives of those around you. With gentleness and wisdom, this practical guide outlines the ways in which cultivating a lifestyle of generosity can be a source of personal transformation, spiritual renewal and deep joy.