

Presenters - Stewardship Summit
August 14-15, 2015

Presenter	Organization	Title	Description
Mr. Richard Ackerman	Financial Consultant, Thrivent Financial	<i>Give Now, Give Later, Give & Receive</i>	Generosity and Stewardship
Rev. Dennis Bartels	Pastor, Holy Cross, North Miami, FL	<i>Consecrated Stewards</i>	Consecrated Stewards - Have you heard about it. A grace-based, biblical stewardship program designed to energize members in their on-going giving. A program that has just be revised and offers great results to all congregations, no matter what size the membership. Come and hear about this program and see if it fits your congregational needs. This is a complete program with Bible study and Sunday School support as well as a complete job description for every member of the Stewardship team.
Rev. Dennis Bartels	Chair, FLGA District Stewardship Advisory Council	<i>DSAC & You</i>	DSAC - Not just some letters but real people concerned about helping congregations with their stewardship needs. The District Stewardship Advisory Council – is always looking for ways to help so come and share your concerns, needs and wants. Bring your hard questions and your amazing ideas and lets work together to do the Lord’s work as we are ENGAGED IN THE MASTERS BUSINESS!
Rev. Ron Biel	Emeritus, FLGA District	<i>What’s So Hard About Money?</i>	Jesus was never afraid to preach about stewardship. So, why do pastors so often back off and hesitate to deal with this Christian-Life topic? It does take courage, honesty, and even a willingness to be personal.
Rev. Max Biesenthal	Sr. VP Ministry Support, Lutheran Church Extension Fund	<i>VisionPath</i>	God gives us resources (money, time, people, buildings) to use as we serve Him in His Kingdom. VisionPath will help align your resources in ways that will help joyously and effectively step into God’s desire for your congregation.
Rev. Max Biesenthal	Sr. VP Ministry Support, Lutheran Church Extension Fund	<i>Stewardship Stories from Scripture</i>	We all know the basic scriptural stewardship stories, like the Widow’s Mite. There are so many more. This workshop will highlight the scriptural stories that have a ‘stewardship’ theme.
Rev. Adolfo Borges	Pastor, Principe de Paz, Orlando, FL	<i>Multi-Cultural Stewardship</i>	How to communicate the concept of stewardship through cultural and language barriers.
Mr. Ron Chewning	Founder, Stewardship Advisors	<i>Experiencing the Joy of Generosity</i>	This session will focus around the three-week emphasis that I developed titled “Experiencing the Joy of Generosity.” The three weekly themes are: “The Joy of Receiving God’s Blessings” “The Joy of Managing God’s Blessings” “The Joy of Sharing God’s Blessings.”

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<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Ron Chewning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Founder, Stewardship Advisors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Building Blocks for an Effective Stewardship Ministry</i></p>	<p>The goal of the Building Blocks is to build up and raise people not just raise money. It is about making disciples and helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus. People built up in Christ and educated about stewardship will grow in their commitment, service, and generosity. The Building Blocks that will be focused on are: Year-round Education, Annual Programs, Youth Education, Personal Money Management, and Estate Planning.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Ron Chewning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Founder, Stewardship Advisors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Selecting and Implementing an Annual Stewardship Emphasis</i></p>	<p>An essential part of a church's stewardship ministry is the annual stewardship program (campaign, emphasis). Not having a program as part of your stewardship ministry is like making bread without flour. Annual programs focus on God as creator and giver. As participants come to realize God's goodness to them, they grow spiritually, developing a desire to respond to Jesus' love and grace by making their time and financial commitments. Attendees will be shown different programs and how they can be easily implemented in their congregation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Howard Dayton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Founder & CEO, Compass1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Compass – Finances God's Way</i></p>	<p>Small Group/Leadership/ Biblical Stewardship. We recognize that the greatest threat to any ministry is not under-capitalization or under-exposure, but under-obedience. We recognize the need to invest in disciple relationships with leaders until, like Jesus and Paul, we are replicating faithfulness.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. John Elliott</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Business Manager, FLGA District</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Role of Treasurer</i></p>	<p>Historically, Biblical Stewardship has been reduced to three categories that we've all heard many times – Time, Talent, and Treasure. Together we will explore the Congregation Treasurer's role to both manage, track and celebrate this multi-faceted stewardship of the entire congregation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Mark Frith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Program Director, Outreach Initiative, Lutheran Hour Ministries</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stewardship Stepping Stones for the Master's New Disciples</i></p>	<p>Is stewardship such a hard concept, or even revolting concept for new Christians? It doesn't have to be. The new believer in Christ desires to serve his or her master. The Bible says, "He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who cares for his master will be honored," Proverbs 27:18. Lead your new converts on a pathway of stewardship stepping stones that help them to appreciate all that the LORD gives them to manage joyfully. In this breakout we'll review the five development stages of a Christian and how to engage them in the Master's Business.</p>

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Rev. Dr. Karl Galik	Regional VP-East, Ministry Support, Lutheran Church Extension Fund	<i>Compelling Generosity</i>	Based on five years of campaigns nation-wide, as well as regular research of currently literature, "Compelling Generosity" will examine the common denominators that encourage a congregational culture of compelling generosity.
Mr. Rusty Huseman	Attorney, FLGA District Legal Counsel	<i>There is no "I" in TEAM...or is There?</i>	Sometimes it seems you are standing alone, but you are not. There are many helping you as you put on the full armor of God. Here you will learn to confidently stand as you equip others to be about the Master's business.
Rev. Bob Jacobs	Emeritus, FLGA District	<i>Pastor's Role in Preaching Stewardship</i>	Consecrated Stewards emphasis is on the grace of God as the motivating factor for stewardship. Teaching the people of God to understand that stewardship begins not with what I have but with the gifts the Triune God has given to me. This is the way the Apostle Paul deals with stewardship in 2 Corinthians 8. "Engaged in the Master's Business" begins with God's gift of grace, with God's undeserved gift in Christ.
Rev. Doug Kallesen	Director Missions & Outreach FLGA District	<i>The Stewards Mission</i>	A holistic look at my life as a steward of God's resources and how that relates to my life's purpose and mission.
Ms. Judy Lagerbloom	Chair, Stewardship Board, Rivercliff, Sandy Springs, GA	<i>Embracing Stewardship</i>	Five years ago I was asked to be the Chair of the Stewardship Board at Rivercliff Lutheran Church in Sandy Springs, GA. I now look forward to having you join me as we discuss what a difference simply "Embracing Stewardship" can make in the life of a congregation!
Ms. Leslie Leonard	DCE, Christ the King, Largo, FL	<i>Time & Talent for Teens</i>	Kids and teens have a hard time understanding what exactly stewardship is for them. Come learn about how to help them understand what time, talent and treasure mean to them and their world! Come gain resources that will help them discover their stewardship in a new way.
Mr. Steve Cecchetti	Director of Development, Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.	<i>Successful Grant Writing</i>	Ms. Leonard has been a part of the LSF team that has successfully found funding sources and written for grants and contracts throughout her career at LSF. She assisted in taking LSF from a \$40 million agency to a now \$200 million agency under the leadership of CEO Sam Sipes. Ms. Leonard will present on the practical steps and aspects of program development, grant writing and funding projects.
Ms. Robin Paris & Mr. Jim Pennington	CDE Gift Planning Counselor, The LCMS Foundation	<i>Make Your Ordinary Assets an Extraordinary Blessings!</i>	It's a truth of life you can't escape – you will go to heaven one day. What an eternal blessing that will be. Another truth of life – you have a generous God Who loves you beyond what can be comprehended and Who blessed you during your life on this earth. He has given you material wealth to manage during your earthly life as His faithful Christian steward.

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<p>Mr. Jim Sanft</p>	<p>President & CEO, Concordia Plan Services</p>	<p><i>Healthcare Reform Done Right – Reduce Costs, Improve Health While Engaging in the Master’s Business</i></p>	<p>The rising cost of health care is creating an economic burden for our country. LCMS ministries and workers are not immune from its impact. As we engage in the Master’s business, it is important to recognize that we have an opportunity (and perhaps responsibility) to do something different. Health Care Reform Done Right is a challenge to all of us. Fully implemented, it will result in reduced cost trends for the Concordia Health Plan (leaving precious dollars in the hands of ministry) and more importantly, healthier workers! And, by the way, it does not require any government intervention. Sound too good to be true? Come and find out!</p>
<p>Rev. Jon Zehnder</p>	<p>Senior Pastor, St Michael, Fort Myers, FL</p>	<p><i>Financial Peace University</i></p>	<p>Managing God’s resources is something we can all learn – whether as an individual or a congregation.</p>

