

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT TIMELINE

January

Session recruits/appoints a Stewardship Task Force/Team
Stewardship Sermon
Minute for Mission
Stewardship/Mission article in Newsletter

February

Stewardship Task Force/Team sets date for Commitment Campaign and begins to explore content/scope of Campaign
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March

Stewardship Task Force/Team begins to finalize plans for Commitment Campaign; asks Committees, Commissions, Task Forces to begin thinking about next year's mission plans with report back in June
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Highlight One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

April

Receive One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday
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May

Highlight and receive Pentecost Offering
Secure outside preacher for Commitment Sunday
Begin planning for catered Celebration Meals on Commitment Sunday
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June

Receive next year's mission plans from Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, and begin reflection on the Challenge Giving Goal and needed percentage increase
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July/August

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Begin recruiting Stewardship Callers to invite church members to attend Commitment Sunday

September

Session adopts Challenge Giving Goal and needed percentage increase

Stewardship Sermon

Minute for Mission

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Complete recruitment of Stewardship Callers for Commitment Sunday

Highlight Peacemaking Offering

October

Receive Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday

Stewardship Sermon

Minutes for Mission: members tell their personal giving story

Stewardship/Mission article in newsletter

Ask leadership of the church (pastor, session, deacons) to agree to make a proportional/percentage giving commitment to the church (doesn't matter what the proportion/percentage is as long as it is a proportion/percentage).

Four Weeks Before Commitment Sunday

Letter from Session announcing Commitment Sunday with invitation to attend Worship and Celebration Meal, including Challenge Giving Goal and the ministry/mission that will be empowered by increased giving

Three Weeks Before Commitment Sunday

Letter from Pastor(s) regarding Commitment Sunday and Celebration Meal, including Challenge Giving Goal and the ministry/mission that will be empowered by increased giving.

Two Weeks Before Commitment Sunday

Letter from Stewardship Team/Task Force regarding Commitment Sunday and Celebration Meal, including the Challenge Giving Goal and the ministry/mission that will be empowered by increased giving.

One Week Before Commitment Sunday

Guest Preacher in Worship

Stewardship Callers make personal contact with all members of the church inviting them to be in Worship on Commitment Sunday with their Commitment(Estimate of Giving) Cards.

Letter from Pastor and Stewardship Task Force/Team chair regarding Commitment Sunday and Celebration Meal, including the Challenge Giving Goal and what increased giving will empower the church to do, and Commitment Card to be returned on Commitment Sunday or before. In this letter announce to the congregation the leadership (pastor, session, deacons) have made a proportional/percentage commitment to the church and what the dollar amount of that commitment is.

Send different letters to different people---make specific requests

Members who give nothing---ask to consider making a commitment of \$10/\$20 per week

Members who give but don't make a commitment---ask to commit half of usual gifts, but give all of it.

Members who make a commitment and give regularly---thank them and ask for a percent increase of gift or income.

Most generous members---thank them personally and ask for a percentage increase of gift

or income

Commitment Sunday

Commitments made during Worship or sent to Church prior to Worship if unable to attend
Celebration Meal (catered) following Worships

November

Contact those who have not made Commitment either by letter, e-mail or in person
Regular report on Commitment Campaign to congregation (in Worship Bulletin,
Newsletter, Graphic display).
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December

Highlight and receive Christmas Joy Offering
Contact those who have not made Commitment either by letter, e-mail or in person
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