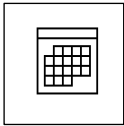




## *CREATED TO BE A STEWARD*

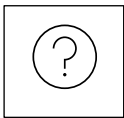
### ***What is “Created To Be a Steward”?***

*Created To Be a Steward* is a 12 month stewardship emphasis for congregations that seeks to explore four major themes of biblical stewardship: Self-Care (January – March); Earth Care (April – June); Resource Management (July – September); Gospel Sharing [Evangelism] (October – December). It is a dynamic resource, with fresh installments made each quarter as the year progresses. It includes most elements of an annual financial stewardship campaign along with commitment elements that focus on other aspects of stewardship. The intention is to keep the stewardship conversation alive throughout the year by providing preaching, teaching, and personal practice resources.



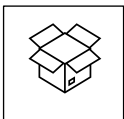
### ***What is meant by a “dynamic resource”?***

In January we can no more predict the state of the things that we be our reality in November than we can tonight’s winning lottery numbers. So rather than create a completed resource that is supposed to speak to a future that remains hidden by forces we cannot control (COVID-19, the economy, or the status of public worship) we are creating our resources in “real time” each quarter of the year. Our goal is to be relevant in the moment rather than hope we “guessed right” where your congregation finds itself throughout the year. The resource will not be “complete” until the last quarter of the year – and we have the option to add tools at any time as they become apparent or are requested.



### ***What is included?***

Each quarter, the materials will contain three background pieces for sermon preparation, three companion educational curriculum based on the texts for preaching, a commitment card for that particular theme (self-care, earth care, resource management, gospel sharing), additional “experiential” exercises, links to additional resources and ideas (updated during that quarter). Worship resources, including prayers, call to worship, and offering and communion meditations are also a part of “what’s inside”. There will also be an entire separate resource of “campaign guidance” meant to help you organize and manage a financial campaign.

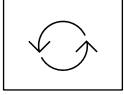


### ***How do I access the resources?***



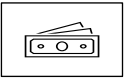
When you request the materials, you will be given a link to the folders that can be downloaded, free of charge. You will also be notified when new elements for “Created To Be a Steward” have been added are available.

### ***Will I continue to get “updates” on the materials, or do I need to continually re-visit the website?***



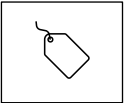
As noted above, you will receive email notifications when resources have been added and a fresh link will be provided.

### ***Is it really “free” or is this an invitation to purchase additional resources?***



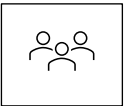
There is no “starter kit” or “sample purchase”. The resource is complete (as it is developed) and no additional related materials will be offered at a cost. Free, really!

### ***Why is it free?***



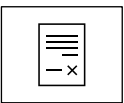
These are unusual times and we our mission is to support congregations with resources that teach stewardship as a spiritual discipline. Our hope is that by making these widely available without cost, churches will have a sense of being supported and will have the necessary tools to help grow a culture of generosity in their sphere of influence. Since the initial access is via our website, it will give you an opportunity to explore other resources (also free!) such are our weekly lectionary-based worship resources and helpful articles on financial best practices, curriculum and

### ***Is it ecumenical, or is it denomination specific?***



The materials, while prepared and written by creators/authors affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), are intended for use in many faith traditions which will find them compatible with their own theological understanding and/or ecclesiastical practice. Additionally, the materials may be adapted for each context as the user feels is necessary. The Center for Faith and Giving is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a denomination with historic ties to efforts to establish/celebrate Christian unity and deep roots in the modern Ecumenical Movement. Learn more at (<https://disciples.org/our-identity/>).

### ***What’s the catch?***



There is none! We do hope that congregations who use the materials will consider a donation to the Center for Faith and Giving, but as stated above, it is not required. This is what it says it is! No catch!

