

# RECONNECT, BUILD YOUR TEAM & FOLLOW THROUGH

Wednesdays, August 2, 9, & 16, 2023  
7:00 – 8:30 pm

*PROJECT*  *RESOURCE*

The Stewardship Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey

# Prayer

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:  
Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery;  
by the effectual working of your providence,  
carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation;  
let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down are being raised up,  
and things which had grown old are being made new,  
and that all things are being brought to their perfection  
by him through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

# Today's Project Resource Leaders

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# Three Sessions



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# Session 2 – Build Your Team

## Overview

- **Summer so far**
- **Finding joy in stewardship ministry**
- **Your team**
- **Taking it home**
- **For your reference**



**How is your  
summer  
going so far?**

# You and Your Volunteers' Journey

- Finding **joy** in stewardship ministry
  - What does this look like for you?
  - For your fellow committee members?
  - For your congregation?

# Breakout Session

## Building up volunteers

- What attracted (s) you to being involved as a lay leader?
- More specifically, why are you involved in stewardship?
- How do you share its excitement and success with other parishioners and invite them to join you?



# Renewing and recruiting new members

Invite them to share their story

Explain why you think they are perfect for the role

Suggest they help just with this Fall if time is a concern

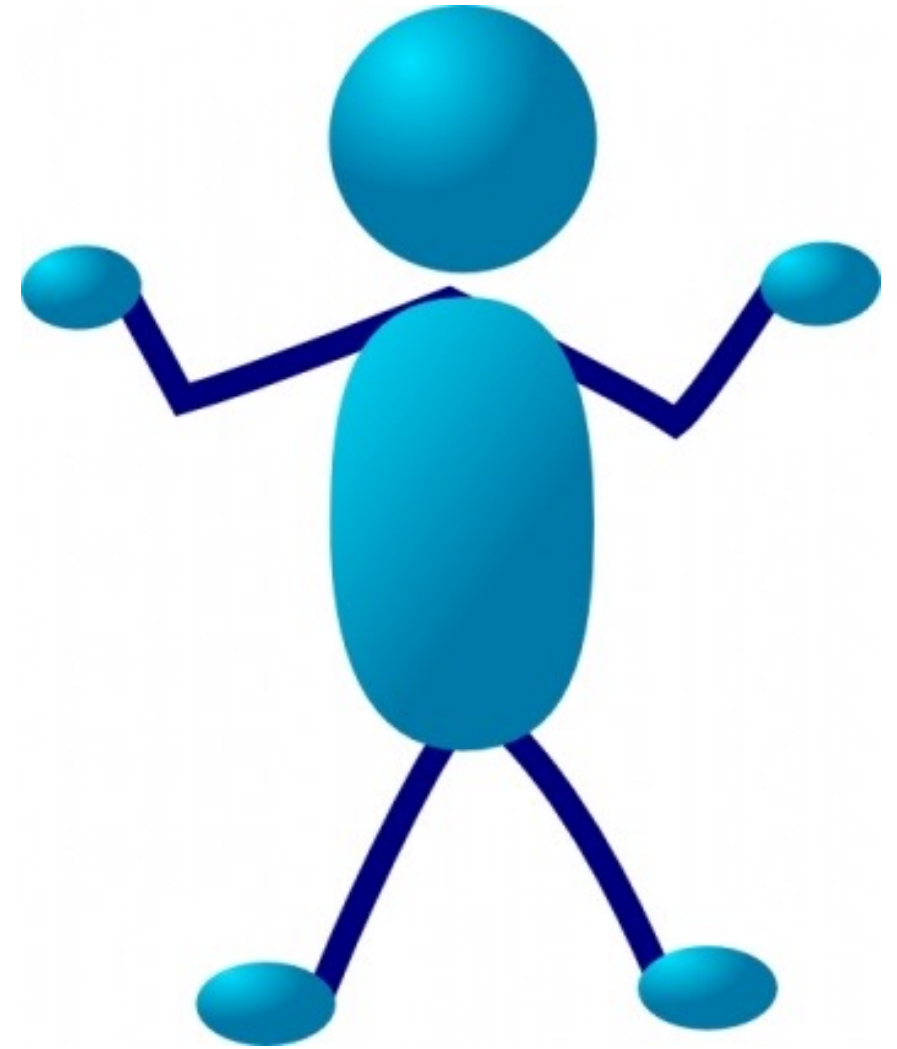
Convey how important this year's campaign is

Invite them to attend the next meeting and decide afterward

Be upfront about the time commitment and expectations

Who makes a good  
Stewardship  
Committee  
Member?

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## **SPIRITUALLY MOTIVATED**

- Person of prayer
- Concerned about parishioners' relationship with God
- Grateful for their relationship with Jesus
- Faithfull attendee

## **STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE**

- Committed to stewardship as a way of life
- Volunteer's time to parish and community activities
- Pledging and paying on pledge

## **VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

- Understanding of stewardship which deepens after they join team
- Has vision of congregation in 5, 10, or 15 years from now

## **QUALITIES FOR SUCCESS**

- Accountable
- Persistent
- Optimistic
- Organized
- Patient
- Creative
- Excited to share their faith

# **Poll Question:** What challenges are you facing as you make your plans or build your stewardship team?

- **Already volunteering**
- **Too few volunteers available**
- **Lack of time**
- **Not good at “asking for money”**
- **Just not interested**
- **Other (discuss in chat)**



# **Poll Question:** What opportunities have you used to build your stewardship team?

- Testimonials during worship
- Reflections in newsletter
- Written invitation
- Fellowship groups
- Bible or book study groups
- Informal conversations (coffee hour)
- Other (discuss in chat)



# Taking it home

What is your **one next step**?

Then, who will you share it with in your congregation?



# Next time: Engage

**It's all about  
relationships and  
communication**



Thank YOU!

**For sharing your time, talent and  
treasure to achieve your church's  
stewardship goals!**



# Practical tools and resources: You are not alone!

- Project Resource past presentations <https://dioceseofnj.org/project-resource>
  - Email us: [ProjectResource@DioceseofNJ.org](mailto:ProjectResource@DioceseofNJ.org)
- Online giving platforms (e.g., [Vanco](#) and their [tools](#))
- [TENS Annual Pledge Campaigns](#), PW: Jeremiah17:8
- [New Consecration Sunday](#) giving program
- [Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices](#)
- Online sample materials from other dioceses and churches

# Project Resource:

## The Stewardship Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey



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# CLOSING PRAYER

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*