

2007 (1st Quarter)

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

Other Ways to Give

Most people give from their checking accounts, but here are a small number of other ways for you to give.

- **Wills/Living Trust** - if you do not have a will/trust you cannot support the church or charities that were important to you during your lifetime. Leave a legacy for your life by leaving a gift at your death.
- **Stocks/Bonds** - often better tax-wise to give your appreciated assets. You will likely not have to pay capital gains tax and receive a charitable deduction.
- **Life Insurance** - has the need for your policy gone away? Change the beneficiary to your church and/or the Foundation.
- Would you like to receive an income, receive a charitable deduction, and receive much of the money back tax-free? Set up a **Charitable Gift Annuity**.
- With approval and an appraisal, gifts of **land** make great gifts. You will likely avoid capital gains tax and make a wonderful gift.
- You also may be able to gift your **home**. Under the right conditions, you may be able to live in your home for a period of time and still gift your house/property.
- If you are 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ years or older, you may make a **Charitable IRA** gift in 2007.

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HELPS FOR THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Find out the needs of your congregation and set up workshops on a regular basis to meet those needs.

- Budget/Financial Management - it is tough to tithe or make a gift if you are deeply in debt. The Foundation has two kits - *Good \$ense Ministries* and *Financial Peace University* that we are willing to loan to help you assist your members in biblically based budgeting.
- Estate Planning - you need to begin now to provide for your church's future. Charitable giving provides excellent tax and income benefits along with the benefits of assisting your church. We are glad to come out to provide estate planning workshops. If you have an estate planning lawyer and/or a financial planner, we would be glad to present with them.
- Other Ways to Give - this is an informative workshop to get people to think about ALL of their assets. The ideas listed in the bulletin insert are but a small example of the ways to give.
- Stewardship/Annual Giving - working with the appropriate committee, every church needs to visit with their members about stewardship on a regular basis. Not about money, but how live our lives for God to accomplish mission through our ministries.
- Give us a call 800-224-6552 or bblumer@dakotasumf.org for more information.

