

Take the Survey – How does Grace Church Stewardship Measure Up?

This is a list of the 18 most effective practices used by congregations strong in Stewardship taken from the ELCA website. Where do you think we are?

Stated Practice	Where are we?		
	No	Yes	Needs Work
1. Grace holds a commitment that stewardship is important. The vision planning includes stewardship. We are clear about the purpose and mission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. We give away a growing percentage of congregational income for ministries of the whole church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. We practice first fruits and proportionate giving for mission support (benevolence) for the whole church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. We build relationships with our members through personal contacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. We provide multiple opportunities for giving and serving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. We foster spirit-filled giving and prayer development, emphasizing the connection between faith and money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. We identify, explore, and nurture spiritual gifts of members, helping them to fulfill their passions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. We develop an “asset based” climate, using members’ assets rather than meeting needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. We develop year round stewardship programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. We ask boldly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. We thank profusely and often.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. We engage in annual every member response programs for financial commitments, estimates of giving, or pledges.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. We provide programs for regular (undesignated) and over-and-above (designated) giving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. We use a program budget in addition to a line item budget.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. We separate stewardship programs from budget preparation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. We provide quarterly reports on member giving to our members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. We establish mission endowment policies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. We model first-fruits giving by sharing a percentage of our corporate income for ministry beyond the congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>