My name is Vicki Nelson and I serve as the Stewardship Staff person for Prairie to Pine. Throughout the past year I have been blessed by the commitment, time, and love that many stewardship keeners shared with their communities of faith by participating in Stewardship education and programming.

This QR code will take you to website where you can download free resource kits!



My role is to serve you and your community of faith, and I hope to meet many more of you in the coming months.

If you are concerned about the financial viability of your community of faith, are dreaming about growing your ministry, or are realizing you haven't spoken about money or generosity in worship for a while, I would love to get to know you! My contact info is at the bottom of this report, please feel free to reach out any time, or if you just want to dive in, here are some ongoing programs we offer:

**Getting Started in Stewardship** – a 90 minute webinar to introduce some stewardship best practices and help participants view generosity as a spiritual practice rather than a unpleasant chore.

**Stewardship Best Practices**— an in-depth, multi-week, team-based exploration of current stewardship best practices with lots of practical suggestions and customizable resources, and ending with a detailed stewardship plan and ongoing coaching to help communities of faith achieve their goals.

**Set Up Your Congregational Giving Program** – a 2 Session program that is designed to help communities of faith to plan and carry out a successful stewardship campaign.

**Bequests and Estate Giving** – Two sessions where participants will learn how to set up a Planned Giving program in their church and learn how to inspire and invite various planned gifts and identify the best ways to express gratitude for these gifts.

You can <u>read more and register</u> for any of these programs on CHURCHx.

We also offer congregational stewardship resources, digital and paper, in the following areas: <u>Mission and Service</u>, <u>Congregational Stewardship</u>, <u>United Church Foundation</u> and <u>Planned Giving</u>. Find also sorts of resources using the QR code at the top or our <u>stewardship worship materials</u>.

You are invited to explore these materials and opportunities on your own, or to contact me and we can set a time for a conversation about your community of faith's context. You won't regret taking some time to focus on generosity. One participant provided this program feedback, "This course gave me renewed energy to look at Stewardship more broadly and some tools for doing so. Topics were engaging and thought provoking".

Thank you, Prairie to Pine Region friends. I am so grateful for your spirit, creativity, generosity, and thoughtfulness. I look forward to continued learning together.

In gratitude,

Vicki Nelson, Community of Faith Stewardship Support Staff for Prairie to Pine Region

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