

Spirit of Stewardship events have been held across the denomination since 1994. “Nurturing Generous Hearts” is underwritten in part by the Synod of the Southwest. The conference aim is to increase our faithfulness, our joy and our creative competence at the practice of stewardship by:

- Teaching specific skills
- Allowing for personal growth
- Engaging in theological reflection
- Providing for stimulating conversations with nationally recognized leaders

Schedule at a Glance:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22:		SATURDAY, AUGUST 24:	
4:30 - 5:30	Registration	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner	8:30 - 10:00	Plenary - Dave Crittenden
6:30 - 7:00	Opening Plenary Session	10:15	Break
7:00 - 8:30	Plenary - Laura Mendenhall	10:15 - 11:45	Workshops
8:30	Poolside Conversations	11:45	Break
		12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23:		1:15 - 2:45	Workshops
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast	2:45	Break
8:00 - 8:30	Morning Prayer - Shannon Webster	3:00 - 3:45	Presbytery Conversations
8:30 - 10:00	Plenary - Clif Christopher	3:45 - 4:30	Closing Worship - Shannon Webster
10:00	Break		
10:15 - 11:45	Workshops		
11:45	Break		
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch		
1:15 - 2:45	Workshops		
2:45	Break		
3:00 - 4:30	Plenary - Clif Christopher		
4:30 - 5:30	Break		
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner		
6:30 - 7:30	Evening Worship - Shannon Webster		
7:30 - 8:30	Q & A - Cliff Christopher		

*Four workshop choices in each period (some repeats)

*PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING/ CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING BOOKSTORE HOURS: Friday, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Saturday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Workshops (continued)

2-D. Creating Cultures of Generosity

A culture of generosity is rooted in celebrating the resources God has given us, letting our response become the means for spiritual growth. This workshop will examine the principals of generosity, review leadership roles and structure, and examine ways the various motivations for giving that successful programs address. The Rev. Dr. Clayton Cobb - Regional Representative for the PCUSA Board of Pensions for the Synods of the Southwest and Southern California and Hawaii

Saturday, 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

3-A. Communicating Stewardship and Mission in the Presbytery

Discover what seems to be working in one presbytery where a strategic plan for year-round emphasis on stewardship and telling stories of mission has helped congregations and the presbytery refocus on stewardship and PCUSA mission.

Ruling Elder Melanie Hancock, Associate General Presbyter in the Presbytery of Northern Kansas

3-B. Mission Program Grants 101

We will discuss the types of funding that are available from the Presbyterian Mission Agency for presbytery level transformation, the establishment of new churches and new worshipping communities. In addition, an overview of the process for making application and the factors that determine whether funding will be granted also will be covered. Printed resources will be provided to each participant.

Ruling Elder Tim McCallister - Associate for Mission Program Grants, on staff of PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency

3-C. The Future of Leadership in Congregations

This workshop deals with congregation change and leadership. The changes taking place are transformative and comprehensive. The 21st century church is vastly different from that of the 20th century. These changes are transitional shifts that provide strategic direction for leading congregations to become communities of worship, mission and service.

Dr. Ed Brenegar

3-D. Stewardship in the Small Membership Church

How are decisions made? Do “when the need came, we stepped up” stories help or hurt? Is there more or less money talk? We’ll have conversation about these and other unique questions of financial discipleship in the smaller church.

The Rev. Charles Spencer, Executive Presbyter of Heartland Presbytery

Saturday, 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.

4-A. Where Can I Find Stewardship Resources?

Stewardship and Financial Discipleship do not differ much between Christian denominations. We will look at were to find resources, best practices, and help in general from the Presbyterian Church and everywhere else.

The Rev. Dave Crittenden

4-B. Mission Program Grants 101 - Repeated from 3-B

4-C. Native American and Hispanic Stewardship Views

Half of this workshop will feature a panel from Native American and Hispanic communities which will deal with stewardship resources and ideas that will be particularly helpful to members of those communities. In the other half, participants will break into separate groups. Be ready to bring your specific questions and challenges.

The Revs. Judy Wellington, Jose Olagues and Guillermo Yela and Ruling Elder June Lorenzo

4-D. You’re Spending Money On What? A Workshop on Narrative Budgets - Repeated from 1-C

ADDED OPPORTUNITIES...

Meet representatives of: The Presbyterian Foundation and The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program



Nurturing Generous Hearts

A Synod of the Southwest Event Celebrating the Spirit of Stewardship

A learning opportunity for Pastors, Staff, Stewardship Committees and Lay Leaders of the Synod of the Southwest and its Presbyteries.

August 22 - 24, 2013

Hilton Phoenix Airport 2435 South 47th Street Phoenix, Arizona



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Keynote Speakers:



J. Clif Christopher, author, pastor, certified fundraising executive (CFRE), founder of Horizons Stewardship Company in 1992.
PLENARY #1: “Why People Give and Why We Don’t Know”
(The top three reasons that Americans say they give that seem to be totally ignored by the church. Current practices and the changes that need to be made to appeal to donors in 2013 will be discussed.)
PLENARY #2: “Rich Church - Poor Church” (A contrast between Rich and Poor Churches. Rich churches have plenty of money to do their mission and ministry. Poor churches always seem to be focusing on getting more money. We will look at how to move from Poor to Rich.)

The Rev. Dr. J. Clif Christopher’s stewardship books: “Not Your Parents Offering Plate”, “Whose Offering Plate Is It?” and “Rich Church, Poor Church” have introduced new tools and expectations to replace the ideas and resources that we have used for the past half century. He has served as an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church since 1975. As a pastor, he has led major building and capital campaigns. In his work as a CFRE, he has led consultations in over 400 churches covering all phases of building, finance and church growth. Christopher will share concrete and helpful, practical “next steps” including a dozen specific things that are needed to bring about change in our local churches. In addition to his plenary sessions, he will offer a workshop and a Q&A session. Clif and his wife have four children.



Dave Crittenden, former Director of Stewardship for the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pastor, former Synod staff of Synod of Lincoln Trails of the PCUSA.
PLENARY: “Our Financial Discipleship Journey: How Much Do You Want to Keep?”
The Rev. Dave Crittenden has always had a passion for stewardship which has been central to all of his calls in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He spent twenty years pastoring three congregations in Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana and was on the Lincoln Trails Synod staff for sixteen years. He is currently the Transitional Executive for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. He and his wife, Jackie, have two grown children and four grandsons.



Laura Mendenhall, pastor, former president of Columbia Theological Seminary and former senior Philanthropy Consultant at the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.
PLENARY: “Nurturing Generous Hearts - - - at church, home, in the community.”
The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall has served five congregations; her current church is new and has just moved into its first building. She is a wife, mother and grandmother.



Worship Leader:



Shannon Webster, pastor, former Presbytery executive for 18 years (Sierra Blanca), past president of both the New Mexico Conference of Churches and the Association of Executive Presbyters.
The Rev. Webster is the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama. The church is home to the industrial city’s oldest congregation, now in a sustained period of revitalization. The church’s commitment to urban justice involves Shannon in regular civic engagement, such as chairing the interfaith community organizing effort, Birmingham Faith in Action.
He and his wife, Lou Ann, have two children residing in Washington, D.C.

Workshops: Come and...

- *deepen your understanding of the Theology of Giving and the practice of stewardship*
- *help others discover the joy of giving generously*

Friday, 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

1-A. Curriculum on Generosity: How Much is Enough?
This workshop will share a curriculum on generosity that has possibilities for adults, as well as for youth and children. The Biblically-based curriculum encourages us to “take hold of the life that really is life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19
The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall

1-B. Growing Thankful and Generous People
Imagine that on a newly-called pastor’s first day of work, a church member handed the pastor a check for \$1 million. That happened. How and why did that happen? God creates such people, of course, but gives us an important role. *The Rev. Shannon Webster*

1-C. You’re Spending Money on What? A Workshop on Narrative Budgets
Come explore how to translate your line item budget into an interpretive tool. We’ll talk about narrative budgets and practice writing your own. Bring a copy of your line-item budget with you and any mission statements of your congregation or governing body.
Ruling Elder Conrad Rocha, Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of the Southwest

1-D. The New Normal: Generational Perspectives on Stewardship
As the cycles of generations roll forward, the church, the culture and the practice of stewardship have shifted. This workshop will use generational perspectives to examine the new normal in our congregations and examine stewardship practices that will become the norm. *The Rev. Dr. Jay Hudson, President & CEO of The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program*

Friday, 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.

2-A. Annual Campaigns That Really Work
There are several types of annual campaigns. We will explore what needs to be done to prepare for an annual campaign and when each type might be beneficial. Together, we will discuss what the altered landscape of religious giving might mean for annual campaigns.
The Rev. Dave Crittenden

2-B. The Stewardship of Gratitude for Congregations: Creating a Congregation Culture of Gratitude and Generosity
Through the Stewardship of Gratitude workshop, participants will learn how to shift their congregation stewardship program from a budget focus to a Whole Life Discipleship Focus, and from an Annual Campaign to a Year-round Program of Congregational Generosity. The workshop is interactive, centered on addressing common challenges in congregations from the perspective of the practice of gratitude and generosity. Participants will learn how to use the Circle of Impact Conversation Guides as tools for fostering better communication and contributions as a congregation.
Dr. Ed Brenegar, Leadership & Congregational Change Specialist with Community of Leadership, LLC

2-C. Establishing a Relative Legacy for the Future
John is known for his lively and humorous approach to a sometimes dry topic. He will quickly acquaint us with many and varied strategies for optimizing the stewardship of our accumulated resources while planning for the long-term financial well-being of our families and our congregation.
John Turner, Presbyterian Foundation’s Ministry Relations Officer for CA, NV, AZ and NM

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Registration

Conference Registration Fees:
\$75 (Double Occupancy)** ***Registration Deadline is August 1, 2013
***\$125 (Single Occupancy)**
***\$50 for Commuter Fee (Meals & Conference Only)**

***Fee Includes** registration, hotel room and conference meals;
***Cancellation Policy:** 100% refund before July 30th; 50% refund by August 15th; NO refund after August 15th.
***Transportation:** On your own. Hilton Phoenix Airport provides free shuttle service to/from the airport.

Conference Registration: *Register Online or by mail. *Payment is due with registration. For scholarship assistance, contact your presbytery.*
***If registering online -**
Go to www.synodsw.org to register and pay online.
***If registering by mail -**
Fill-out *both* sides of form below. Include check for registration fee, made payable to ‘The Synod of the Southwest’. Mail form to:
The Synod of the Southwest - 401 East 4th Street, #A - Tucson, AZ 85705

Register One Person Per Form. Additional copies may be made as necessary or downloaded from www.synodsw.org.

Nurturing Generous Hearts Registration Form (Use Only for Mail-in Registration - Return by August 1, 2013)

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Telephone:

Home Church and Presbytery:

Select Your Preference:

☐ Room/Meals/Event DOUBLE \$75*

☐ Room/Meals/Event SINGLE \$125

☐ COMMUTER \$50

*Roommate’s Name (must be a registered attendee):

or ☐ Select a roommate for me

*Please indicate any dietary restrictions:

