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What Brings You to this Webinar?

- Take a Poll
 - Role in church (*Pick one that fits the best.*)
 - Size of congregation (Avg. Attendance)

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What Is My Job?

- Committee on Finance
 - To identify, perfect and manage the finance system for the congregation.
 - Raising, managing, and dispersing the finances so the mission & ministry of the church can be achieved.

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What Is My Job?

- Committee on Stewardship
 - Help congregation focus on the broader meaning of Stewardship
 - Keep the focus on the need of a disciple to give rather than the church's need to receive.

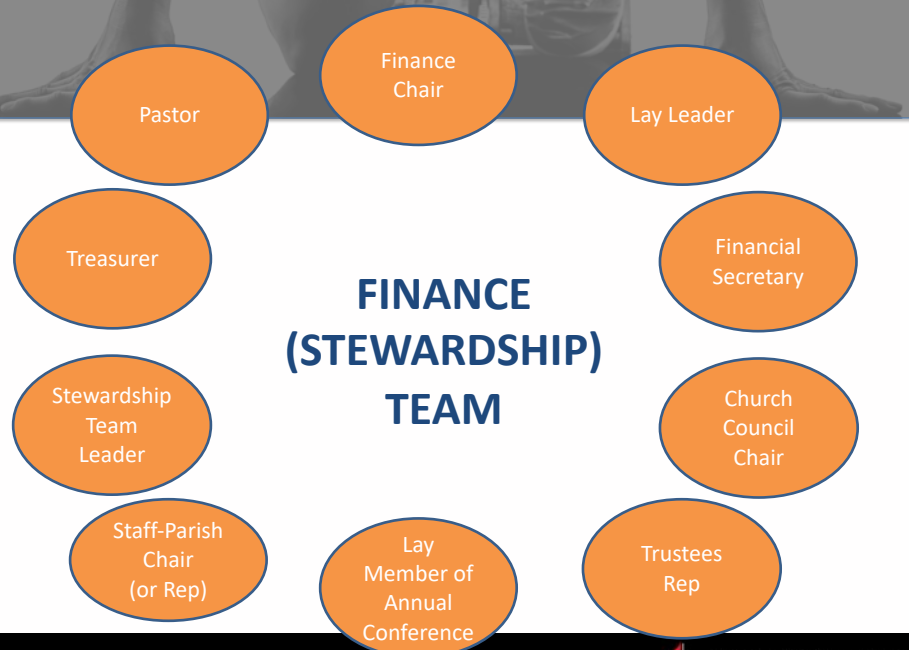
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FINANCE (STEWARDSHIP) TEAM



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What Is My Job?



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4 POINT STARTER'S STANCE

- Spiritual Foundation
- Integrity, Transparency & Accountability
- Creatively Connect Money & Ministry
- Adaptability to New Situations

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Spiritual Foundation

✓ God Gives First, We Respond



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Spiritual Foundation

✓ God Gives First, We Respond

✓ Abundance, Not Scarcity



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Spiritual Foundation

- ✓ God Gives First, We Respond
- ✓ Abundance, Not Scarcity
- ✓ Gratitude, Not Obligation

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Spiritual Foundation

- ✓ God Gives First, We Respond
- ✓ Abundance, Not Scarcity
- ✓ Gratitude, Not Obligation
- ✓ Forming Disciples, Not Fund Drive

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Integrity, Transparency & Accountability

- Distinct Roles, Part of a Team

- Finance Committee
- Church Treasurer
- Financial Secretary [Counting Teams]
- Pastor
- Stewardship Committee
- Business Administrator/Other Staff

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Most Asked Question

“Should the pastor know what church members give?”



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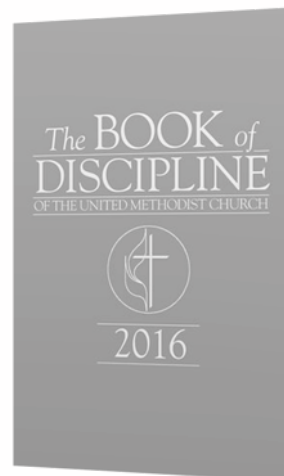
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Integrity, Transparency & Accountability

- 2016 General Conference
- New language in 2016 BOD
- Pastor: “access to & responsibility for...”
- Requires cooperation, trust and grace

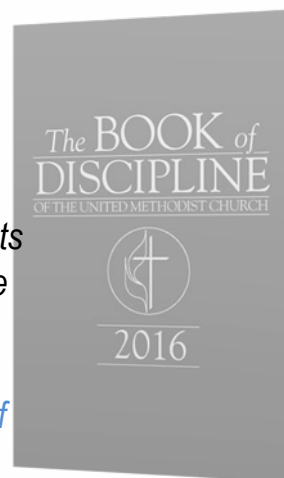


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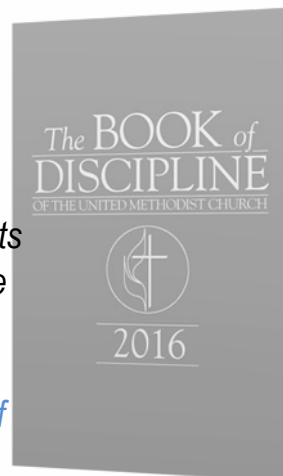


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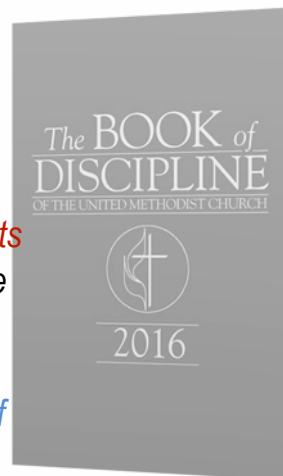
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Integrity, Transparency & Accountability

- Policies & Procedures Protect
 - Members & Donors
 - Individuals who serve
 - Church Relationships
 - Church Reputation

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Segregation of Duties

- Treasurer, Financial Secretary, & Chair of Finance need to be committed to this!
- Keep Income Side (Financial Secretary) and Expense side (Treasurer) separated!
- ***No matter how small the membership, these positions are never combined!***

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Segregation of Duties

- Three tasks not specifically assigned to either of the two positions or Finance Chair by the B.O.D.
 1. Approval of payment
 2. Signing of checks
 3. Reconciling accounts

Treasurer, Financial Sec'y or Finance Chair may be authorized to do any ONE of these tasks, but *not more than one!*

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Integrity, Transparency & Accountability

Communicate with Donors

- ✓ Don't paint bleakest picture...
- ✓ Don't send bills, send celebrations!
- ✓ Gifts \$250+ require acknowledgement (IRS) but everyone likes "thank you!"
- ✓ Don't need to send same message to all

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Integrity, Transparency & Accountability

3 Key Words: Ask, Thank, Tell

- **Thank** donors every chance you get
- **Tell** them how they have made a difference through giving!
- **Ask** them to make an impact in additional ways!



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Creatively Connect Money & Ministry

“I’m not a mission person,
I’m a finance person.”

Every “finance” person is a “mission person”
if they are about the work of
funding mission and ministry.

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Creatively Connect Money & Ministry

Why should people give to your church?



Mission is what moves people

- Not church bills, it's impact stories
- Hope, compassion, community
- NOT duty, obligation, commitment

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If Finance is reason for Outreach...

Your church is in trouble.



Money is only needed if church is engaged in mission and ministry!

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What Do We Mean by “Creatively”

- Not “creative accounting”
- Creative engagement with the people of your church and community.
- Are there people who can help tell your mission stories in creative ways?

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What Do We Mean by “Creatively”

- Meet with other groups in church
—Learn their stories, get their help
- Use drama, pictures, video, social media to tell the giving story
- “How can we make it easier to give?”

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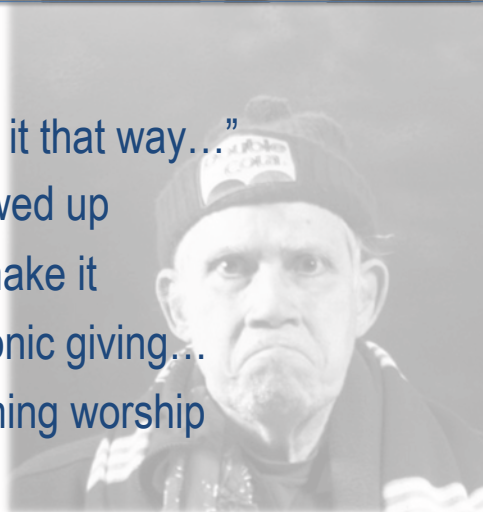
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Adaptability to New Situations

- Six dreadful words:
 - “We’ve never done it that way...”
- Then COVID-19 showed up
 - His church didn’t make it
 - Wouldn’t try electronic giving...
 - Wouldn’t try streaming worship



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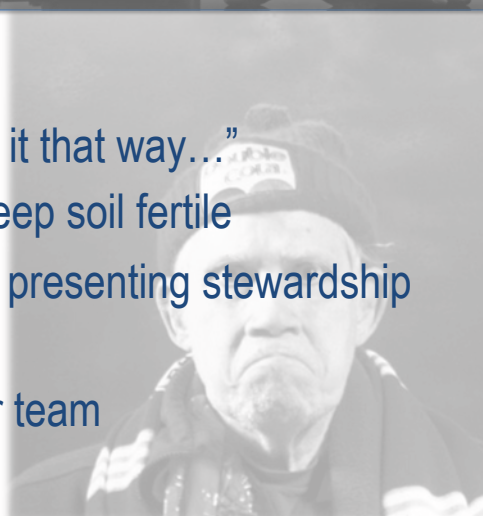
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Adaptability to New Situations

- Six dreadful words:
 - “We’ve never done it that way...”
- Rotate the crops to keep soil fertile
 - How you approach presenting stewardship to congregation
 - How you build your team



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Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:30pm CST
“Been Looking for a Better Offering?” (with Don Smith)

Monday, February 15, 2021, 10:00AM CST
“Clergy Taxes: Keep All You Can!” (with Don Joiner)

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