

PNEC Stewardship Team Survey

Thank you for your interest in consulting with the Penn Northeast Conference Stewardship Team. In order to better serve you, please complete the following questionnaire in preparation for our consultation with your church. You can submit the completed questionnaire by emailing it to:

Conference Minister, Penn Northeast Conference, 431 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071

Church Name & Location: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Person Phone: _____ Contact Person Email: _____

1. Why are you inviting members of the Conference Stewardship Team to visit with your congregation?
2. What outcomes do you hope will come out of this meeting?
3. What is your average worship attendance and is it stable, growing or in decline?
4. How does your church define stewardship?
5. Whose job is 'Stewardship Education'?
6. What percentage of the year is Stewardship a topic of conversation with the congregation? (Is it fostered year round?)
7. How many people are interested in the Stewardship Ministry Team of your congregation?
8. Are there specific areas of interest you would like us to address? (the list below is not exhaustive)
 - Formation of a Stewardship Committee
 - Regular, Systematic, Generous Financial Support of your congregation and the UCC
 - Stewardship Education

- Planned Giving and Wills (Has your church implemented an educational campaign regarding wills and planned gifts to the church? If so, what have they done? If not, is this in the church's long range plan?)
 - Capital Campaign Issues (Does your church have capital needs, i.e. building, organ, expansion, endowment; and would like to hold a campaign?)
 - Treasurer/Financial Secretary Questions and Concerns
 - Electronic/Online Giving
 - Investment and Endowment Policy/Guidelines (Is your church interested in creating an investment policy or endowment guidelines?)
 - Other Financial Services (Is the church aware of the financial services offered by the UCC Financial Ministry Team or United Church Foundation?)
9. Do you conduct an Annual Financial Support Program? If yes, what time of year and what types of program have you used in the last three years?
10. Is giving openly discussed with the larger congregation?
11. What types of financial information do you supply to the congregation?
12. Who has access to individual giving records?
13. If your pastor does not have access, what is the reasoning behind that?
14. Why should people financially support your congregation?
15. Do you communicate with the members of the church as to how much they should consider giving?
16. What are the money taboos in your congregation?
17. What role do fund-raising activities play in your congregation's financial life?