

SONKA MINISTRIES TEAM STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY

The SONKA Stewardship and Cultivating Generous Congregations TEAM would like to offer the following list of resources available to our Churches for their help. The first resource is offered by our denomination on our national website, under RESOURCES.

National UCC Resources. –

Stewardship - <https://www.ucc.org/stewardship-resources-materials/>

Budgeting and Finance - https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are/about/general-synod/finance/finance_financial-procedures/

FIVE For FIVE Offerings

The second is a workshop offered to our local churches through our Heartland Conference and the denomination.

CULTIVATING GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS Info –

The next general CGC will be a mostly in-person one that will take place on the Thursday and Friday before General Synod in Indianapolis. Do you think your people would be interested in attending? There would be one virtual session (not scheduled yet) and then an all-day in-person on June 29 and a half-day (end at noon) on June 30. Do you think your people – or at least the delegates among them – would be interested in a pre-synod event?

The next are suggestions for churches to use in moving from asking for money to cultivating a spirit of Generosity.

List of Resources for our Churches –

Bulletin reminder - Stewardship is everything we do after we say “Yes” to God.

Stories from Our Daily Bread regarding Thankfulness, Generosity and Stewardship

Our Daily Bread Resources

December 7, 2019 – Don't Forget The Giver – <https://odb.org/us/2019/12/07/dont-forget-7>

December 8, 2019 – Attitude of Gratitude – <https://odb.org/us/2019/12/08/attitude-of-gratitude>.

January 29, 2020 – Life to the Full – <https://odb.org/us/2020/01/29/life-to-the-full-2>

February 14, 2020 – When Life Is Hard - <https://odb.org/us/2020/02/14/thanks-for-being-you-lord>

August 13, 2021 - The True Nature of Love - <https://odb.org/us/2021/08/13/the-true-nature-of-love>

August 15, 2021 - Extending Grace to Others - <https://odb.org/us/2021/08/15/powerfully-at-work>

June 1, 2022 – Giving Out of Love - <https://odb.org/US/2022/06/01/coffee-and-a-muffin>

June 8, 2022 – Generosity and Joy - <https://odb.org/US/2022/06/08/generosity-and-joy>

June 15, 2022 – Investing in Others - <https://odb.org/US/2022/06/15/the-pudding-guy-2>

June 22, Abundance Meets Need - <https://odb.org/US/2022/06/22/abundance-meets-need>

October 6, 2022 - Envisioning A Different Future - <https://odb.org/us/2022/10/06/envisioning-our-neighbors-future>

October 10, 2022 - Happy Thanksgiving - <https://odb.org/us/2022/10/10/happy-thanksgiving>

"Generosity" "Stewardship" and "Thankfulness" links on [Our Daily Bread](#)

I do not have a pdf file of all of the devotionals on thankfulness or gratefulness. However, if you do a search at odb.org for these words, it will bring up those that match.

[Wild Generosity - Reflections on Generosity PDF file from ODB](#)

Carol Alexander's [booklet on STEWARDSHIP](#)

Music Video for consideration

John Rutter's "Look At The World"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDa-Mab4SoU>