

Stewardship Committee
Diocesan Convention Report
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Submitted by the Rev. Robert Beazley, Chair

Throughout the last year, the ways in which congregations ministered to their people was turned on its head. With that, traditional financial stewardship ways went out the window. The work of the Stewardship Committee continued to equip the clergy and laity of our diocese with a deeper understanding of stewardship. We seek to open the giving hearts of all Episcopalians to see Christian Stewardship as joyful giving back to God in gratefulness for all that God has given to us.

Our membership is made up of Mr. Jason Akers, St. Paul's, New Orleans; the Rev. Robert Beazley, St. Michael's, Mandeville; The Rev. Tommy Dillon, St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge; and Ms. Dotty Suthon, St. Augustine's, Metairie.

Stewardship workshops and a new monthly diocesan cohort were held online this year. Jim Murphy, Managing Program Director at Episcopal Church Foundation, led a webinar for all clergy. In the springtime, the Rev. Robert Beazley, Ms. Dotty Suthon, and the Rev. Peter Wong attended a six-week course offered through the College of Bishops entitled Project Resource: a teaching and resource movement that assists philanthropy and raises funds needed in God's mission. Beginning on the first Tuesday of May, the resources learned through Project Resource were shared during one-hour Zoom sessions offered to all in the Diocese. Parishioners and clergy from a variety of sized congregations have participated in these monthly gatherings.

The Stewardship Committee is available to meet directly with individual parishes, deaneries, and will continue to engage the diocese with the knowledge and resources it needs to live into Christian Stewardship.