

Stewardship Committee  
Diocesan Convention Report, 2022

Submitted by the Rev. Robert Beazley, Chair

Ministry takes money. The work of the Stewardship Committee is to equip the clergy and laity of our diocese with a deeper understanding of financial 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. As Jesus said, "which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'(Lk 14:26-30)"

Without a clear understanding of the financial foundation of a congregation, it is nearly impossible to discern where the future lies.

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.

In late May, a Zoom workshop led by Terry Goolsby and Horizons Stewardship kicked off Stewardship workshops for clergy and laity. The Cn. Allison Reid and the diocesan finance committee hosted weekly financial education workshops throughout June. In mid-October, representatives from the Episcopal Church Foundation will lead a conference at Christ Church Cathedral to discuss endowments.

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.