

# Resources

There are a variety of resources (books, videos, pamphlets, etc.) available from a variety of sources. Listed below are places where the most useful items can be found and a brief description of what you might find there. Items in the bibliography available from Episcopal Parish Services have the initials “EPS” in parentheses along with the catalogue number of the item to assist you in ordering. Items available from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship have the designation (TENS) at the end of the listing.

## **Alban Institute**

An ecumenical, interfaith organization founded in 1974, which supports congregations through consulting services, research, book publishing, and educational seminars. The work of Alban is supported by Funding and Membership revenue and sale of programs, services and publications. You may reach them at The Alban Institute, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1250 West, Bethesda, MD 20814-3211, (800) 486-1318 [www.alban.org](http://www.alban.org)

## **Alternatives for Simple Living**

This organization produces excellent resources for those striving to be better stewards of all God’s creation. A copy of *Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?*, their annual suggestions for a Christ-centered Advent and Christmas is mailed to every congregation in the late summer. To check out their entire catalogue of books, videos, and other items, look for them at [www.SimpleLiving.org](http://www.SimpleLiving.org)

## **Episcopal Parish Services (EPS)**

Episcopal Parish Services began as the sales and distribution center for resources produced by the national staff of the Episcopal Church. It has expanded to include resources published by other organizations that national staff thinks will be useful to Episcopal congregations. This is where you can expect to find stewardship posters, bulletin inserts, pledge cards and other theme materials developed by the Stewardship Office. You will find them at 1-800-903-5544 or [www.episcopalparishservices.org](http://www.episcopalparishservices.org)

## **The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)**

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship is a membership organization of people interested in stewardship. It provides training opportunities and consultant services, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter (*Networking*) and produces a variety of other resources including videos and booklets designed for use by congregations and individuals. To order materials, check out their complete catalogue, or find out how you (your congregation or your diocese) can become a member, look for them at 3750 East Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67208, 1-800-699-2669 and/or visit the TENS homepage: <http://www.TENS.org>

## **The Fellowship of Merry Christians**

For resources to help you anticipate the joy, delight, and just plain fun of the converted life, consider a membership in this organization. For \$24 a year, you can receive ten issues of The Joyful Noiseletter with permission to use its cartoons and anecdotes in local church publications. They also produce additional resources. Look for them at [JOYFULNOISELETTER.COM](http://JOYFULNOISELETTER.COM).

## **The Morehouse Group**

The Morehouse Group is a multi-faceted publishing and communications company that publishes and provides books, church school curricula, church supplies, and communications services. Its four divisions include: Morehouse Publishing, Living the Good News, Trinity Press International, and Morehouse Communications. You can find them at 1-800-877-0012 or [www.morehousegroup.com](http://www.morehousegroup.com).

## **Church Publishing, Inc.**

Church Publishing established in 1918 as The Church Hymnal Corporation by the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund. In 1997, they became Church Publishing Incorporated and continues to produce prayer books, hymnals, and other titles mandated by the General Convention through the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in addition to works on liturgy, music, homiletics, church history, liturgical theology, Anglican spirituality, contemporary global Anglicanism, and emerging issues, as well as recorded music, and a growing list of software products and online services. Look for them at Church Publishing, Inc. 445 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10016. Customer Service (800) 242-1918 or [www.churchpublishing.org](http://www.churchpublishing.org).

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## **Videos and Audio Cassettes**

***Economics and the Bread of Life.*** Theologian Walter Brueggemann presented these two hour long presentations to a gathering of stewardship leaders in 1999. He traces the distinctions between the economy of the world and the economy of the kingdom of God. (EPS 52-0006)

***A Life of Stewardship.*** The Right Rev. William G. Burrill (Rochester, retired, currently Assisting Bishop in Arizona) offers a theology of stewardship and suggest ways we can grow into the people God has created us to be. (EPS 52-8727)

***Marked as Christ's Own*** Bishop Burrill reminds us that living into our baptismal promises makes us more loving, thankful stewards. (EPS 52-9013)

***Loose Connections.*** This 15-minute video captures a frank discussion between a busy professional and a man named Jesus, who she thinks is an auto mechanic. The video may help you explore new ways to tighten up your connection to God. Performance by Friends of the Groom, produced by TENS (EPS 52-9812 and TENS)

***The Lord's Prayer.*** Find out what happens when you begin "Our Father, who art in heaven," and the Father answers! Performed by Friends of the Groom. Produced by TENS (EPS 52-9811and TENS)

***Stewardship as Choice*** A nine-minute video focused on the choices we make about God and money. Designed as a homily or as a discussion starter for a small group. Presented by Terry Parsons, Stewardship Officer for the Episcopal Church (EPS52-9810)

***Why is IT always about Money?*** A video presentation by The Rt. Rev. William G. Burrill at the Stewardship Conference in Rochester, NY in April 1999. Are you curious about why the stewardship conversation always seems to focus on money? Bishop Burrill explains why dealing with the role of money in our life is essential for our spiritual health. (TENS)

***Learning the Joy of Offering.*** A Festive Meal Keynote address by the Rt. Rev. William G. Burrill. Use this videotape with leadership groups or the entire congregation. This address offers an inspirational message on the importance of being a joyful giver. (TENS)

***Moving from Scarcity to Abundance*** -- A thought-provoking video presentation on the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship by The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis. Ideal for viewing and discussion sessions by parish diocesan leadership teams. (TENS)

***Stewardship as Liberated Discipleship: Daring to Dream the Dream of God '97*** Conference Addresses and Sunday Sermon -- a total of four presentations by one of the most gifted preachers in the Church. Ideal for parish and diocesan leadership teams to view over a period of several sessions while reflecting on the theology and practice of stewardship. The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry (2 Videos or 4 Audio Cassettes) (TENS)

***Stewardship for the New Millennium*** ‘96 Conference Keynote Addresses and Sunday Sermon – “What it means to be a steward” and three additional presentations by: The Rev. Dr. George R. Regas (2 Videos or 4 AudioCassettes) (TENS)

***Jesus Calls Us*** – this video that is a beautiful mix of Bible study and song and is a wonderful resource with a multitude of uses. The Rev. Kirk A. “Chief” Kubicek is a gifted stewardship teacher who uses song to make an important point about what it means to be a steward. (TENS)

### **Study Guides, Posters, Bulletin Inserts, Newsletters, Etc.**

***Abundantly Blessed, Abundantly Blessing: Celebrating Abundance and Blessings with our Children*** – Curriculum resource for young people – a resource for families to use in their homes to open conversation and teaching around stewardship through the sharing of stories, beliefs and practices about giving and receiving. (TENS)

***Bulletin Inserts*** – A set of twelve inserts based on different passages of scripture \$2.50 (EPS 52-0018)

***From Scarcity to Abundance.*** A brand new brochure written by Mark Beckwith, Rector of All Saints Church, Worcester. This is an outstanding resource for teaching stewardship. It would be very helpful to a vestry thinking about writing a vestry stewardship statement. (TENS)

***Living Our Covenant with God*** – a study guide for small group discussion of the nature and implications of God’s covenant. \$2.50 (EPS 52-0013)

***Living with Money*** – An ecumenical adult education course for congregations that examines the subject of money in the context of Christian faith. The four to six-week course is designed to fit into the Sunday morning education time. The complete package includes four video segments to introduce sessions, a participant journal with Bible studies and twelve essays and leader’s guide. \$125 per set. Available from The Episcopal Media Center, 1-800-229-3788, [www.episcopalmedia.org](http://www.episcopalmedia.org)

***Networking.*** The newsletter of TENS. Published six times annually and sent to every TENS members and every parish in those dioceses who are subscriber members. This newsletter is a good reason for purchasing a TENS membership.

***Resolution A138s is alive and growing.*** This booklet, developed by the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, is full of touching and often surprising stories from those who have written stewardship statements. The book contains guidelines for the formation of your stewardship statement. (TENS)

#### ***Stewardship Triennial Theme Materials: Poster***

A set of five posters each of which asks one of the five questions from our Baptismal Covenant. \$5.00 set of five (EPS 52-0015)

***Tipping Tithing Card*** – A credit card size card with a tipping guide on one side and a tithing guide on the other. Just the thing for a stewards' s wallet! \$1.00 for 50 (EPS 52-0108)

***A Treasure Chest of Stewardship Resources***; a collection of parish resources which includes preaching suggestions, bulletin inserts, adult forum suggestions; bible study outlines, educational ideas for young people, a discussion of various financial commitment programs, even sample letters. (TENS)