

“All that I am and all that I have”

Christian stewards recognize that everything belongs to God — everything we are and everything we have. We are accountable for how we use the many gifts God has entrusted to our care.

What is Stewardship?

*Stewardship is not a program
It is a way of life.*

*Stewardship is not an activity.
It is an attitude.*

*Stewardship is not the latest fad.
It is biblically based.*

*Stewardship is not just
a decision of the head.
It requires a conversion
of the heart.*

*Stewardship is not a topic
to learn.
It is a process of becoming.*

*Stewardship is not an option.
It is integral to our Christian faith.*

*Stewardship is not another
thing to do.
It is why and how
we do what we do.*

*Stewardship is not about our
generosity.
It is about our response to
God's generosity.*

*Stewardship is everything you do
after you say, “I believe.”*

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

STEWARDSHIP: Our grateful response to God's generosity



The many blessings to which we respond . . .

Christ Church Cathedral is a proud member of the Anglican Church of Canada and the worldwide Christian Church.

We welcome and celebrate human diversity—including spirituality, age, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation. We declare our commitment to be in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and to cherish and sustain the created order. Here people of any faith or none can question and discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter and prayer.

We strive to provide a warm, welcoming faith community where all can experience caring, respect, inclusion, support, love and spiritual development.

The opportunities our Cathedral offers us to engage and grow in our faith, to experience the richness of community and to serve the world are abundant and varied. Indeed, nearly 200 volunteers are engaged in these ministries.

The Cathedral offers daily worship, including four services on Sunday, encompassing a wide range of liturgical styles. The church is open during the day for quiet prayer and meditation. We engage in faith formation for adults and children, and take very seriously the work of sharing, and advocacy, with those on the margins of our society. We also work hard to welcome people into

into the Cathedral through a well-established and much appreciated music ministry.

We understand ourselves to be richly blessed by God, and thus invited and enabled to allow those blessings to spill over into the hands of others.



The Stewardship Life

Stewardship is an expression of faith. It is not simply the Church's way of raising money; rather, it is a spiritual discipline that encompasses our very being as Christians. It is a radical departure from our secular understanding of charity where we give to meet an external need. Stewards, by contrast, are motivated to give because it is something we internally need to do; it is intrinsic to our very understanding of what it means to be fully human. We don't need to be asked or convinced to give; nor is our giving confined only to those occasions which happen to be convenient. The Christian gives freely and in great generosity because that is what God did!, and because "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9.7). Recognizing that God actually gave us everything we have in trust, we, in turn, share the gifts that we have been given.

Showing Gratitude

As we reflect on the many blessings in our lives, there are many ways to return thanks. These might include:

- Prayer and worship
- Encouragement to others – a smile or two
- Welcoming others to the Cathedral community
- Sharing stories of gratitude
- Inviting someone to the Cathedral for worship or an event
- Listening to others – just being there!
- Participation in parish events
- Volunteering in the parish and in the broader community
- Giving financially, as one is able, for instance by:
 - regular giving by cash or cheque
 - special offerings to commemorate special occasions or particular blessings
 - preauthorized banking or credit card donations
 - a gift to a ministry that one feels drawn to as a memorial gift
 - supporting Cathedral events
 - remembering the Cathedral and its ministries in one's Will