

## From the NWOA Stewardship and Generosity Ministry Team

Dear NWOA Faith Family,

The Stewardship and Generosity Team is pleased to offer you a series of conversations with Don Hill, a specialist in Stewardship and Fundraising. The team met with Don one Saturday morning in April and from that meeting came 5 separate videos for your consideration. If you wish to follow up with the team with questions or wish to be put in touch with Don for a follow up consultation use the Association email or phone number to send a message and someone will be in contact with you. We hope you enjoyed these “conversations” and that Don’s thoughts prove useful to all as we continue to engage our local church Stewardship practices. Blessings to All.



### **Video # 1 - Post-Pandemic: Is this the time to ask for money?** [CLICK HERE](#)

When is the right time to ask for money? Is there ever a “good” time? Several of these questions are posed to Mr. Hill in this presentation regarding the request for financial support of church projects and missions. He presents his suggestions very thoughtfully and candidly without being emotionally charged. He offers sensible concepts on organizing fundraisers and making them successful. In these stressful times, opportunities for support still need to be offered as assistance may be of more value than at other times. One point brought out is that we fear being told “no” when requesting help and that may happen. Yet if the need is there, some will be able to respond. The use of modern technology “zoom meetings” is addressed and how it might be used effectively.

### **Video # 2 - A Church Member's Legacy: How to Support the Church after You've Gone** [CLICK HERE](#)

This video addresses the realities of the importance of raising what may be an uncomfortable conversation that exists at the intersection of death and money, whether individual or institutional in nature. It will help your congregation begin to engage in a topic that might start out awkward but gives your church a way to creatively think about and find out how this topic can lead to a sense of completeness and even joy when challenging decisions are made that are not just after one’s passing but even during a person’s lifetime.

### **Video # 3 - Fundraising During a Crisis: Tugging at the Heartstrings to Open Up the Purse Strings** [CLICK HERE](#)

This video addresses the challenges and strategies in fundraising. We look at what motivates people to give, not just in a crisis, but also in general. We discuss topics such as vision, values, a sense of obligation, impact, and a sense of need. We look at these issues from a biblical perspective.

## **Video #4 - We are Back!**

**Church Giving after the Return to the Sanctuary** [CLICK HERE](#)

This video encourages churches to assess what has been happening in their church during the last 20 months and to look at the challenges faced as opportunities to explore new ways to look at church. Electronic giving is discussed and has been found to enhance levels of giving. The video discusses the need to look at offering time in a new way to make it celebratory, educational and inspirational. Also discussed is how to celebrate generosity with the church.

## **Video # 5 - Plan!? Who Needs a Plan??** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Setting the Tone for Your Congregation Giving**

The topic for our final conversation engages with the importance of planning. This discussion has great depth discussing both Stewardship and Generosity and how it applies to our giving. What is the difference between the two? Is what we bring from the pulpit adequate? This fifth conversation will prove to be enlightening and thought provoking.

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