

Stewardship Committee Report: 2024

The mission of the Stewardship Committee is to offer congregations a clearer and appreciative understanding and commitment towards Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM); offer resources to assist local congregations to enhance their stewardship and outreach programs; when invited, to present stewardship and giving opportunities and awareness. In short; to minister to all congregations in fulfilling their ministry and mission through faithful Stewardship of God's resources.

This past Conference year the Stewardship Committee:

1. Led an energizer at the 2023 Annual Celebration to enhance understanding of OCWM and local congregation resources.
2. Participated and presented OCWM and Stewardship awareness at various Association meetings.
3. Offered Stewardship programs (see Illinois Conference Web Page) for local congregations.
4. Offered the Stewardship workshop "Its Showtime" lead by Rev. Andre Warner, Generosity Officer UCC which was hosted by Peace Memorial UCC, Palos Park
5. When contacted by local congregations, offer resources, advice on Stewardship programs and awareness and provide stewardship pulpit supply.
6. Sit in with Conference Council to offer advice on Stewardship and OCWM awareness among the Council members.
7. Met with and in communication with our Acting Conference Minister to create a vision, goals, and direction to improve and become more resourceful for congregation and Conference Stewardship needs for the 2025 year.

We offer great appreciation and gratitude to all congregations who have supported OCWM and the Illinois Conference. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to co-collaborate with so many faithful and thriving congregations through our mutual participation in the Stewardship of God's resources through our local congregation and the greater church of OCWM.

We encourage you to contact one of the Stewardship co-chairs if you are interested in having someone from the Stewardship Committee speak to your congregation or if you need some suggestions and resources for your own Stewardship programs.

In Christ's love:

The Illinois Conference UCC Stewardship Committee

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