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Many church leaders depend on Everence as a trusted partner for stewardship ministry in Anabaptist and related faith communities. To help your congregation discern how to oversee and better manage your financial and stewardship ministry, Everence offers this list of services and resources. We encourage you to review these resources and be in touch with your Everence Stewardship Consultant to help you take your next step forward.

Basic resources

Congregational Services: Find valuable services and resources, including charitable services, pastor and staff benefits, the MyNeighbor credit card (gives 1.5 percent back to a church or charity), financial advisors for pastors and links to other stewardship ministry resources.

Congregational Stewardship Resource Manual: This is your primary source of financial and stewardship management resources, including best practices for year-round stewardship programs, online giving choices, narrative budgeting and many sample financial policies.

Additional resources

There are many resources on finances, stewardship and generosity for churches, including valuable books. Below is a list of recommended and most current resources for your church. The authors mentioned can be found in the resource list below.

- Biblical and theological foundations of stewardship (vision, preaching): Marcuson pages 35-39
- Budgeting and finances
 - Accounting basics (financial reports, church budgets and financial transparency): Jamieson, page 53
 - Budget development (Increasing giving, setting goals and growing giving): Callahan, pages 1-139
 - Finance software: [Capterra](#)
 - Managing capital: Hotchkiss, pages 75-84
- Giving
 - Annual stewardship campaigns (pledge forms, annual ideas and educational resources):
 - GIVING magazine
 - The three pockets of giving: Christopher, pages 65-120
 - Asking for planned gifts: Christopher, pages 95-102



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- Capital and annual campaigns: Christopher, pages 79-94
- How to increase giving: Miller and McKenzie, pages 65-76, 103-112
- Pastor’s knowledge of giving patterns of individual attenders: Stroup
- Thanking people for their generosity: Miller and McKenzie, pages 65-76
- Pastor’s role in finance and stewardship planning: Miller and McKenzie, pages 32-38
- Pastor taxes
 - Clergy housing allowance worksheet (how the church must identify a pastor’s allowable housing designation annually): Clergy Tax Net
 - Income tax guidance for pastors: Worth
 - Pastors’ dual status as employee and self-employed (the church and pastor roles within tax rules): Worth

For more information

Contact your [Everence Stewardship Consultant](#) if you have questions about how to enhance and expand your current church financial and stewardship management program.

Resource list

- *Bounty: Ten Ways to Increase Giving to your Church*, by Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie
- [Clergy housing allowance worksheet](#), published by Clergy Tax Net
- *Effective Church Finances*, by Kennon L. Callahan
- *Giving magazine*, published by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center
- *Ministry and Money: A Guide for Clergy and their Friends*, by Dan Hotchkiss
- *Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors*, by Janet T. Jamieson and Philip D. Jamieson
- *Money and your Ministry: Balance the Books while Keeping your Balance*, by Margaret J. Marcuson
- [Should pastors know what church members give?](#) By Ben Stroup, NACBA Ledger
- *Whose Offering Plate Is It? New Strategies for Financial Stewardship*, by J. Clif Christopher
- *Worth’s Income Tax Guide for Ministers*, by BJ Worth (updated annually)
- *Church & Clergy Tax Guide*, by Richard Hammer (updated annually)