

## CREATING CONGREGATIONAL CULTURES OF GENEROSITY

Ventures has produced significant results for hundreds of churches over the course of the last ten years and has been used across the country.

*"Participation in Ventures helps any congregation get their stewardship efforts off to a great start. Building on the concept of year-round stewardship helps build excitement about stewardship and challenges congregation members to consider 'What does God want me to do?'"*

- Philip C. Van Leeuwen,  
St. Paul, Aiken, SC



## REGISTER ONLINE NOW

Limit of six  
congregations per event!

### Register your congregation:

[www.sdsynod.org/ventures](http://www.sdsynod.org/ventures)

Cost is \$450 per congregation

Cost includes all four workshops,  
materials, and resources.

### Questions?

Contact Pastor Bill Tesch,  
SD Synod Director of Evangelical  
Mission, at [btesch@sdsynod.org](mailto:btesch@sdsynod.org)  
or 605-274-4026.



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## VENTURES IN GROWING STEWARDS



## WORKSHOPS

**October 25, 2014**  
Sioux Falls

**November 8, 2014**  
Custer

**January 24, 2015**  
Watertown

## Is your congregation ready to venture with God?

The dictionary defines a venture as "an undertaking involving uncertainty as to the outcome."

Like Abraham, Ruth, and others across the ages, we are called to undertake great things for God with only one certainty — that the God who calls is faithful.

Today we are called to the holy venture of growing people who understand that all we have and all we are belongs to God — and who come to embody the generous, self-giving love of Christ.

Over the past ten years Ventures has been used across the country. We have seen churches revitalized and generosity triumphant over fear.

Ventures in Growing Stewards consists of a committed group of leaders meeting with a trained facilitator using the dialogue adult education approach.

We invite you to prayerfully consider the invitation to venture with us in this ministry of growing stewards.

Register now for one of the workshops in the South Dakota Synod!

# VENTURES IN GROWING STEWARDS

## STRUCTURE AND COMMITMENT

Five or six members (plus your pastor) attending a one-day workshop followed by three 2-hour workshops scheduled in collaboration with leaders and participating congregations.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Basics of Christian stewardship
- How to do stewardship year-round
- How to conduct an annual response campaign
- How to incorporate planned giving into your congregation's stewardship plan

## COST PER CONGREGATION

- \$450
- 50% scholarships available based on need. Please contact Pastor Bill Tesch.
- Registration is limited to six congregations per event, so register now!

## WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE 9 AM - 3 PM

- Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Holy Cross Lutheran, Sioux Falls
- Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Custer Lutheran Fellowship, Custer
- Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Watertown

For more information about Ventures, visit [www.elca.org/stewardship](http://www.elca.org/stewardship)