



The Rev. Jay Lawlor Considers Generosity in Christian Stewardship as part of his Congregational Vitality Project

The Rev. Jay Lawlor addresses how vital congregations practice generosity in stewardship of time, gifts/talent, and finances.

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[stewardship](#) as "how congregations honor the offering of parishioner's time, spiritual gifts, talents, and money in advancing our participation in God's mission." He goes on to state that "Promoting good stewardship of those offerings is an important factor in congregational vitality."

The Rev. Lawlor states that "Jesus looked to the generosity of others to fund his movement. He also knew that resources would be required for his disciples to carry out the great commission. Christians today are a continuation of the Jesus Movement." He goes on to discuss how "[t]he very nature of God in Jesus Christ is unconditional generosity." The Rev.

Lawlor draws on inspiring words from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, Sister Joan Chitister, and Frederick Buechner on the centrality of practicing generosity.

"Vital congregations focus on transformation of life. They recognize God's call to us in living out our deep gladness/passions/desires, then engage in deeply theological and spiritual conversations about where those intersect with mission and ministries, and the generosity in giving needed to fund them," writes the Rev. Jay Lawlor. His website includes discussion and resources for the areas of stewardship in people resources (time, talent/gifts) and financial resources. The Rev. Jay Lawlor particularly draws on the work of stewardship consultant Clif Christopher for some fresh approaches to the practice of stewardship for Christian leaders.

Readers can learn more by visiting

<https://www.therevjaylawlor.com/missionprojects/congregationalvitality/stewardship/>

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