

## FLASH - Christian Life Ambassador - BULLETIN #4

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Resources Have Been Updated at the CNH [Website](#) for Your Use

### Survey Results



Clearing up some confusion . . .

The following thoughts were mentioned on many surveys . . .

**Question:** Are Christian Life Ambassadors stewardship resource people or mission resource people?

**Answer:** That's a great question! The way we used to order congregational ministry was by separate areas of responsibility. The Education Committee did education, the Evangelism Committee did evangelism and the Stewardship Committee did stewardship. Today, in order for God's people to be most effective, these need greater integration, coordination and communication. That's where Christian Life Ambassadors play their most important role. CLA's understand that congregations are like "branch offices" of the Father's *Family Business*, and for the congregation to be most effective at doing his business all "departments" need to be working together toward carrying out the mission. Their work is to bring about that integration, coordination and communication.

**Question:** How does a Christian Life Ambassador work to accomplish this?

**Answer:** In several ways. First of all, CLA's work closely with their pastor to help keep the congregation focused on being a part of God's *Family Business*. They find out what's going well in the business in order to hold up success stories to encourage the congregation. They also find out what areas the pastor thinks the congregation is struggling with in order to help communicate the need and help other leaders in that area of the business discover resources and coordinate people to make positive changes. Second, CLA's help their congregation to "keep the main thing the main thing." That is, they continually and consistently use the variety of communication channels available to them to keep the mission (including its marketing, financial funding and people resourcing) at the forefront of what their congregation's potential is, in bringing the kingdom of God to His people. Third, CLA's keep themselves energized and excited about the Father's business through devotion to God's word (study and obedience), prayer, and their own participation in the mission of God's kingdom.

\*\*\* **NEW: CLA Training & Resources - Guest Author Series** \*\*\*

***StewardCast - A Wonderful Resource from our Synod***

by Lynnette Campbell, member of Stewardship Task Force



If you have not yet heard about the online publication entitled ***StewardCAST*** you are in for a pleasant surprise. ***StewardCAST*** is an "E-Newsletter" publication of the LCMS District and Congregational Services - Stewardship Ministry. It contains timely information and updates from Larry Reinhardt, Director of Stewardship Ministry.

Click here to see a copy of ***StewardCAST***. On this page you can access the current month's ***StewardCAST*** and the previous ones in an archive.

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The April, 2007 edition of ***StewardCAST*** contains the following information:

- *Moving Toward A Stewardship Renaissance!*
- *What If Every LCMS Congregation Tithed for Work at Large?*
- *What Can Be Done to Change A Congregation's Stewardship Culture?*

Other Helps for Changing Your Congregation's Stewardship Culture

- Free items at **LCMS stewardship**
- "Consecrated Stewards" information at LCEF **www.lcef.org**

- More **Resources** from Dr. Waldo Werning and Mr. Ron Chewning
- Good and affordable stewardship **resources**

\*\*\* **NEW: DISCUSSION GROUP STARTED** \*\*\*

After the CLA orientation, the Task Force sat down to spend some time with what you wrote during the table discussion time. We noted a few things that seem to be common themes:

First, many of our congregations are doing great work and engaging in fascinating ministry.

Second, we noted that many of the tables mentioned that their congregations are finding it more and more difficult to reach out to non-Christians. Some even wrote that it was something that many found at least a little frightening.

Third, when we talked about what might be some next steps. Many tables discussed the need to be more concerned about the lost and less concerned about ourselves.

So here's the question for discussion: *What is one thing you're going to do as the first step toward helping your congregation own the need to be more concerned about the lost and less concerned about institutional maintenance?*

Click here to reach the [CLA Discussion Group](#) online at the CNH District Intranet Website. Click here for [instructions](#) on accessing and updating the discussion group.

**\*\*\* NEW: PRAYERS TO SHARE \*\*\***

Each CLA should keep their pastor informed of the prayers in this section of the CLA Flash Bulletin. Please ask your pastor to include the following prayers in Sunday worship:

1. We pray for the whole Church in all nations of the world. We pray that we and all Christians throughout the world testify with joy to the great gift of salvation we receive through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate with thanksgiving the full and free forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life for all who have faith in Him.
2. We pray for the mission of the Church, that all of us as God's Ambassadors make known what the Lord has done; telling of all His wonderful acts, and giving testimony to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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