

# Stewardship Is Discipleship

Working the Family Business

# Christian Life Ambassador

What is a CLA?



# Definition of Stewardship

- Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God, and God's family, the church, investing all of life and life's resources for God's purpose and plan.



# Stewardship: Working the family business

- At baptism we are adopted
  - into God's family
  - into the business of His mission
- The Family Business
  - God's desire that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth
  - God's plan to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth



# Working the Family business

- Everyone has a place
- Everyone is a priest
- Every family member needs to fulfill his or her responsibilities
- Each Christian is called to **live in the free and joyous activity of being a child of God in God's family**



# Purpose of a CLA

- To make God's purpose and plan known to the people of your congregation
- To develop participants who invest all of life and life's resources for God's plan and purposes
- Part of a network of:
  - Initiators
  - Implementers
  - Educators
  - Motivators



# Responsibilities

- Be the link between the district stewardship task force and their congregation
  - Attend training sessions
  - Subscribe to the *In Touch* weekly e-newsletter from the CNH district office
  - Be familiar with the Congregational Stewardship Workbook and other stewardship resources (These will be supplied by the district office.)



# Responsibilities (cont)

- Disseminate information related to the Christian Life, received from the above resources, to his/her congregation
  - Communication with pastoral staff
  - Communication with church leaders
  - Communication with specific committee and lay individuals targeting this mission



# Responsibilities (cont)

- Evaluate with your Pastor the current status of your congregation's ministry to support Christian growth and use resources from the District Stewardship Task Force to help your congregation see how to work the Family Business



# Qualifications

- Has a desire to bring the kingdom of God to people both personally and as a part of his/her congregation by reaching out into his/her community with the Good News
- Has the ability to use the Internet to communicate and to resource web sites
- Has an understanding of the Organization of the Ministry teams in his/her congregation
- Communicates well with the pastors and leaders
- Willing to commit to a three-year term



# Why Become a Christian Life Ambassador?

- To help your congregation
  - grow deeper in faith and in understanding the biblical teaching about how the Christian life is lived
  - Expand its Ministry
- To play a part in expanding God's business in your community and around the globe

**Consider becoming a Christian Life Ambassador!**



# Resources Available to CLA's

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# From the District Task Force

- Periodic articles to:
  - Encourage & inform CLAs
  - Customize for use in bulletin, flier, handout, etc.
  - Provide ideas for temple talks
- Task Force available to discuss issues or consult with CLA on specific situation



# Resources Available

- List of other resources (see hard copy & Excel file on disk in today's packet)
- Workbook 2000



# Theme

- **Working the Family Business**
  - Everyone has a place in the Family Business and every family member must fulfill his or her responsibilities in order that the business continues and thrives.
  - At baptism, we are adopted into God's family...and into the business of His mission.
  - We must invest all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.



# Theme

- CLA's are trained to engage their fellow-members in the Christian stewardship of life.
- Spiritual growth of the congregation's year-round stewardship mission
- Bring the kingdom of God to people both personally and as part of a congregation by reaching out into the community with the Gospel



## “What in the world do I do with this Book”

- 7.5 LBS
- 28 Tabs
- 560 Pages
- 7 Colors
- It is too old....2000
- It is too BIG
- I do not know where to start
- I can't do this



# Take a deep breath

- My assumption is:
  - You know nothing about this Workbook, but have a tremendous desire to learn.
  - Do not have 10 people on your committee



# Acts 22:10 Paul asked Jesus "What shall I do Lord?"

- Be in the Word
- Needs Assessment
  - A need is identified by comparing the difference between what is and what should be.
- Build your Committee
  - Spiritual Gifts
- Biblical Principles



# Resources

## Working the Family Business (Stewardship) Resources

Theme/Focus	Item No.	Resources	Author/Publisher	Description	Comments
Christian Stewardship Preparation/ Group Study	1	<u><a href="#">Preparing for Faithful Stewardship</a></u> Four-part Bible Study for group discussion	Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning Stewardship Advisors 2225 E. 14 Mile Road Birmingham, MI 48009 1-888-783-2790 <a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>	Focuses on how God prepares your hearts and minds to respond with action as He shapes your attitudes and equips you for service in His kingdom. The four-themes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ "Preparation of the Mind"</li> <li>❖ "Preparation of the Heart"</li> <li>❖ "Preparing for Response"</li> <li>❖ "Preparing for Action"</li> </ul>	Study goal is to increase knowledge and understanding of Christian stewardship and to encourage consecrated living for the Lord.
Discipleship/ Individual One to One mentoring Small or Large Group	2	<u><a href="#">Maturing as Stewards Through Faith, Love, &amp; Hope</a></u> Bible Studies Daily Devotions	Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning Stewardship Advisors 2225 E. 14 Mile Road Birmingham, MI 48009 1-888-783-2790 <a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>	The purpose of these studies are to raise our understanding of the importance of the God-given virtues of faith, love, and hope in our stewardship lives and to teach us to rely on God's grace to be the stewards He calls us to be. The three sessions of this study are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Faith Produces Works"</li> <li>2. "Love Prompts Action"</li> <li>3. "Hope Goes the Distance"</li> </ol> Our acts of loving, serving, and giving are responses to what God has already done for us. Faith, love, and hope are God's tools that He gives us so that we can live as His people who worship Him and carry our His purposes.	Throughout these studies, we are reminded that God is the source of all things. God initiates, and we respond.
Discipleship Stewardship Ministry/ For Ministry Leaders	3	<u><a href="#">Energizing your Stewardship Committee</a></u> Book	Ronald J Chewning Stewardship Advisors 2225 E. 14 Mile Road Birmingham, MI 48009 1-888-783-2790 <a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>	The purpose of this book is to equip and energize stewardship committee members to discover new and better ways of doing stewardship ministry. You can develop a climate of giving, sharing, and serving. Through God's grace, you will challenge the members of your congregation to grow as faithful stewards. The focus is on helping members to become more spiritually mature in their lives as Christians.	This might be a good source for CLA's to begin their service. You might want to go through this with a group of leaders in your congregation.



# Resources

Discipleship Biblical Source/ Church leaders	4	<u><a href="#">Following Jesus</a></u> Biblical Reflections on Discipleship	N. T. Wright William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company 255 Jefferson Ave. S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49503	The twelve exhilarating meditations in this volume explore what it truly means to follow Jesus today. Wright first outlines the essential messages of six major NT books--Hebrews, Colossians, Matthew, John, Mark, and Revelations--looking in particular at their portrayal of Jesus and what he accomplished in his sacrificial death. He then takes six key NT themes--resurrection, rebirth, temptation, hell, heaven, and new life--and considers their significance for the lives of present-day disciples.	"The longer you look at Jesus, the more you will want to serve him in his world. That is, of course, if it's the real Jesus you're looking at." N. T. Wright
Empowering People for Ministry/ Church staff use or church leaders or a volunteer coordinator	5 (no sample on table - see website)	<u><a href="#">Church Volunteer Central</a></u> Membership to online resource: Access to leadership consultant on volunteer issues, 100's of ideas for recruiting, training, motivating, and retaining volunteers, also customizable tools, staff manager database, etc.	Group's Church Volunteer Central <a href="http://www.churchvolunteercentral.com">www.churchvolunteercentral.com</a>	Built upon three theological principles found in the Bible. In the Great Commission, Jesus doesn't tell us to go and make believers; he tells us to go and make disciples --committed followers of Christ. The Bible says "they are a royal priesthood." The second principle is that He blesses each of us with specific abilities--spiritual gifts--for the ministry he wants us to be in. The next principle is the uniqueness of all believers which motivates us to bring people into discipleship by helping them identify, get training for, and move into the ministry for which God designed them.	This could be an invaluable tool if accessed often by the appropriate staff and church leaders. Would be helpful to have a volunteer coordinator (volunteer or staff member).  This is for churches that are serious about bringing members into ministry.
Empowering People for Ministry/ Leaders Training	6	<u><a href="#">Simply Strategic Volunteers</a></u> (How-to Book with Discussion Guide)	Tony Morgan/Tim Stevens Group Publishing, Inc. Loveland, CO <a href="http://www.group.com">www.group.com</a>	Leading people from being consumers in the church to being contributors claiming the ministry as their own. Solutions to help recruit, train, motivate, and keep volunteers in ministry.	Good for use with leaders of the church
Empowering People for Ministry/ Training for pastors & church leaders	7 (no sample on table - see website)	<u><a href="#">Multiply Your Ministry</a></u> Workshop	Presented by Church Volunteer Central Group 888-886-3969 <a href="http://www.ChurchVolunteerCentral.com">www.ChurchVolunteerCentral.com</a>	Gain an understanding of the foundational biblical imperatives of equipping ministry. Learn the elements of an equipping culture and how to build that culture in your church. Understand the roles of leaders and what teams are required. Learn the key elements of an equipping system and the support systems that need to be in place.	Workshop for pastors and leaders of the church, heads of ministry teams.



# Communications



*Hello!*

Endless possibilities. . .



# Jesus – the “Great Communicator”

He spoke to the people by using the  
*media*  
of that day and age using simple stories...  
“*parables*”



.....unlimited resources



# First...Know who your audience is . .

- Your Fellow Church Members
  - Your Church Leadership
- Your Christian Friends & Neighbors .
- Even your non-Christian acquaintances

**Young people or old . . .**



Use various *media* of this day in age to enhance your communication to your audience . . .



**A picture**  
*(including a CD or DVD)*  
**Is worth a thousand words!**



# Internet

Website

Blog

Electronic Newsletters

Email

Royalty Free Photos

Video Shorts

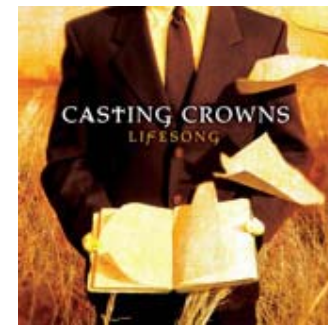
Christian Music Videos



# CDs and DVDs

Video Shorts

Christian Music Videos



The possibilities are as **endless** as  
your **imagination** . . .

**Questions?**

