

Stewardship 2015 Annual Report

Many churches have a somewhat regular rhythm of pledges and offering, and Uni Lu has just had trouble to date getting psyched up for this type of activity. However, for the past two budget years, Council has asked the congregation to vote on “aspirational” budgets to fund our mission, and we as a church have not quite achieved that. Maybe it’s time for Stewardship to speak up!

2014-2015 Stewardship Committee activities:

- ❖ **established committee members** with Nancy Noe as chair
- ❖ periodically requested **status reports for the congregation** from Jeremy, our awesome Treasurer / financial report maker, as requested during the October 2014 annual meeting discussion
- ❖ requested “**ministry updates**” during Sunday worship from a few of our ministry areas (Property, Children’s Ministry, Community Life) to raise awareness about happens with the stewardship they receive (time, talents, and funds)

As a separate activity, Bruce Christenson undertook a survey of congregation members to identify “Long Term Capital Gains” projects that the church will face in the near future -- ranging from property topics to long term support for ministry areas.

We are a small church. Your contributions make a difference.

Until such time as Stewardship is able to run an actual pledge campaign, here are a few thoughts about what it means to be a small church with a \$200,000 budget.

- ❖ **EVERYONE COUNTS** - Our church has a very small number of “giving units” -- families or individual making pledges and/or regular contributions. Each family’s contribution is vital to our mission.
- ❖ **IT’S A STRETCH** - For the last two years, UniLu has not met our ambitious offering / mission goals
- ❖ **MAKE A PLAN** - We ask each family to think about stewardship this fall. For example, the council has proposed a goal of increasing offerings by around \$8,000 per year. If each “giving unit” could commit \$20 additional dollars per month, we would make our goal. How does that number feel?
- ❖ **GET INVOLVED** - There are many ways to contribute at Uni Lu. You can teach, hammer, sort, clean, plan, design, plant, sew, cook, visit, write, sing, pray, plan, study and make a difference
- ❖ **WAYS TO GIVE** - If you would like to establish a regular electronic donation, we can help! UniLu works with Thrivent, Vanco, Benivity, Paypal, and any electronic funds transfer. Contact the office for info.

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