Welcome!

Faith Development Office Webinar

Before we get started...

Please mute your microphone and turn off your camera.

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We’ll have time for questions at the end.

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Welcome!

Introduction to Stewardship and Development

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Presenter – Laura Randall
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Presenter – Vail Weller
Director of Congregational Giving, San Mateo, CA
“Take from Life Its Coals”
Laurel S. Sheridan
We begin with abundance
Role of Religious Educators

• Religious educators – you are the link to our families, children, and youth.

• The church’s financial statement of mission is a sacred document, which demonstrates the value of lifespan faith development. You can help underscore this.

• Religious educators often feel the effect of budget changes most directly.

• What motivates you to be involved in this conversation?
Stewardship is a Spiritual Issue

• It’s all a gift.

• It is a privilege to be able to help people link their resources with their most dearly held values.

• The issue is not just the amount one gives to the church. It is using all the resources at our command to craft lives of meaning and purpose.

• Stewardship is an all-year calling to a new way of life.
Stewardship is a Spiritual Issue

- Relationships
  Among people & with money

- Community
  Connectedness through sharing of stories & resources

- Covenant
  Mutual accountability, responsible management
How Do We Nurture a Culture of Abundance?

1. A safe environment
2. A vision that matters
3. Sharing stories about this vision
4. Community
5. Gratitude
Nurturing a Culture of Abundance
- A Safe Environment -

Generous congregations provide a safe environment in which to talk about money, its role in our lives, and how to spend, save, and share it responsibly.
Nurturing a Culture of Abundance
- A Safe Environment -

• It is important to meet people where they are with the issue of money. We as leaders need to have done our own work so that we can be aware of where we are coming from.
• Offer opportunities for your congregation to do these reflections.
• UUA curriculum “The Wi$dom Path”
• Resources that YOU recommend!
  - e.g., *The Table Where Rich People Sit*, Baylor
Nurturing a Culture of Abundance - a Vision for Ministry that Matters -

• Our congregations offer an alternative to the consumer culture of American society.

• We have the opportunity to offer meaningful transformation for people who long for lives of more service, commitment, and generosity.
Nurturing a Culture of Abundance  
- a Vision for Ministry that Matters -

• We need to be better about asking, expecting, and inspiring people to put their values in line with their resources.

• Abundant giving is about inspiration and lives being transformed through challenge to live a different, more values-centered life.
Nurturing a Culture of Abundance
- Community -

Our tradition is at the heart of many lives. It is worth our support and our sacrifice.
Nurturing a Culture of Abundance
- Gratitude -

Gratitude

Nurturing Generosity

Giving as a spiritual practice
Nurturing a Culture of Abundance
- Gratitude -

Generosity is a fundamental aspect of a healthy spiritual life. Our congregations can be important places for generosity to be encouraged and practiced.
UUA Funding Areas

Annual Program Fund and GIFT
Congregational Giving
UUA Funding Areas - APF

• “a promise that has already been made”
  – COVENANT
• Why We Give
• What We Get

• Resources and talking points
  www.uua.org/giving/apf
UUA Funding Areas

Planned Giving

- Gifts by will
- Life income gifts
- Non-cash gifts

uua.org/giving/planned
UUA Funding Areas

Friends of the UUA – individual gifts by mail
  • Faithful Sustainers

Mid-Level and Major Gifts
  • Life’s Calling Campaign
  • President’s Council
UUA Stewardship Work

Gift Processing
- Umbrella gifts

Stewardship Support and workshops

Wi$dom Path
- Financial Literacy for Adults
UUA Stewardship Work

General Assembly
- APF Booth and Ribbons
- Special Events
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Closing Words

In this community we give and we receive.
May we go forth, now,
to share the bounty of our love.

-- Sydney K. Wilde

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