

VESTRIES: THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

Pre-webinar reading:

“Jesus is the Reason for this Season Too”

<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/jesus-is-the-reason-for-this-season-too/>

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGNS

Articles about the fundamentals

- 10 Common Mistakes in Fundraising
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/639/10-common-mistakes-in-fundraising-for-congregations>
- Good Stewardship Addresses Hopes and Fears
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/stewardship/good-stewardship-addresses-hopes-and-fears/>
- Model Intentional Giving
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/pledging/model-intentional-giving/>
- Lessons from an Annual Giving Campaign
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/pledging/lessons-from-an-annual-giving-campaign/>

Webinar Recordings

- Addressing Lackluster Stewardship Campaigns
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/addressing-lackluster-stewardship-campaigns/>
- Year Round Stewardship: Talking About Money
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/year-round-stewardship-talking-about-money/>
- Digital Giving: Models and Tools
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/stewardship-for-the-new-millennium/>
- ECF's Top 10 Annual Giving Strategies
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/211/ecfs-top-10-annual-giving-strategies>

Networks and Diocesan Websites

- The Episcopal Network for Stewardship
<http://www.tens.org/>

- Ecumenical Stewardship Center
<https://www.stewardshipresources.org/>
- Diocese of Texas Stewardship Webpage, see especially Annual Giving Campaigns Survey
<http://www.epicenter.org/stewardship/>

Tools and Resources

- Annual Giving Campaign Tools, including a checklist and timeline
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/annual-giving-campaign-tools/>
- The 2% Campaign
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/rethinking-stewardship/the-2-campaign/>
- Generational Characteristics of Giving: What to do?
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/bulletin-vs-prayer-book/>
- From the Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) - Commissioning Your Stewardship Ministry
<http://library.episcopalchurch.org/article/offering-alleluia-commissioning-your-stewardship-ministry>
- From the Episcopal Church Center - Faith in Action Ad Campaign Highlighting Year Round Stewardship
<http://library.episcopalchurch.org/page/faith-action>
- Spirituality of Fundraising
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/spirituality-of-fundraising/>
- Scripture to Encourage Giving
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/26/scripture-to-encourage-giving>

Pledging, Pledge Cards, and Offering Plates

- Pledging: Should Clergy Know?
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/finance-and-administration/pledging-should-clergy-know/>
- All Saints' Mad-lib Pledge Card
<http://www.ecfvp.org/yourturn/all-saints-mad-lib-pledge-card/>
- Pledge Drive & Plate Offering Analysis Worksheet
<http://www.ecfvp.org/yourturn/pledge-drive-plate-offering-analysis-worksheet/>
- Electronic Giving Card: For Offering Plate
<http://www.ecfvp.org/yourturn/electronic-giving-card-for-offering-plate/>

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Articles about the fundamentals

- Build a Healthy Vestry
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/vital-vestries/build-a-healthy-vestry/>
- Vestry Discernment Process
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/vestry-discernment-process/>
- The Other Trinity: Results, Process, Relationships
<http://www.ecfvp.org/blogs/1159/that-other-trinity-results-process-relationships>

Webinar Recordings

- Creating Strong Teams
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/creating-strong-teams/>
- Identifying and Recruiting New Leaders
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/identifying-recruiting-new-leaders/>
- Vestries as Strong Leadership Teams
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/206/vestries-as-strong-leadership-teams>
- Part I of Getting to the 'Why': Shared Purpose
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/part-i-of-getting-to-the-why-shared-purpose/>
- Part II of Getting to the 'Why': Growing Leaders
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/part-ii-of-getting-to-the-why-growing-leaders/>

Tools and Resources

- Sample Vestry Job Description
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/sample-vestry-job-description/>
- Framework for Vestry Success
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/framework-for-vestry-success/>
- Structuring Leadership Teams
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/structuring-leadership-teams/>

PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING, VESTRY ORIENTATION, FIRST VESTRY RETREAT

Articles about the fundamentals

Annual Meeting

- Creating a Culture of Discernment
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/discernment/cultivating-a-culture-of-discernment/>
- Changing the Scorecard
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/changing-the-scorecard/>
- What's Your Congregation's Worth?
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/whats-your-churchs-economic-worth/>
- A New Years' Gift? Move the Annual Meeting
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/a-new-years-gift-move-the-annual-meeting/>

Vestry Orientation

- Framework for Vestry Success
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/vital-vestries/framework-for-vestry-success/>
- Covenants in Congregational Life
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/healthy-practices/covenants-in-congregational-life/>
- Policy, Schmolicy
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/policy-schmolicy/>
- Being on the Same Page
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/governance/being-on-the-same-page/>
- Knowledge is Power
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/governance/knowledge-is-power/>
- No More Parking Lot Conversations
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/caring-for-each-other/no-more-parking-lot-conversations/>

Vestry Retreats

- Why Team Building Matters
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/reboot-your-vestry/why-team-building-matters/>

- Build the Bonds of Joy in a Spirited Vestry Retreat
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/vestry-retreats/build-bonds-of-joy-in-a-spirited-retreat/>
- Bootstrap Your Vestry Retreat
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/vestry-retreats/bootstrap-your-vestry-retreat/>
- A Snapshot of Our Urban Neighborhood
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/real-basics-for-vestries/a-snapshot-of-our-urban-neighborhood/>

Meetings

- From Purpose to Spirit-Driven Meetings
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/moving-from-purpose-to-spirit-driven-meetings/>
- Keep it up! Raise the Energy Level in Your Next Meeting
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/keep-it-up-raise-the-energy-level-in-your-next-meeting/>
- Five Meeting Tips for New Leaders
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/five-meeting-tips-for-new-leaders/>
- Break With a Purpose: How to Make the Most of your Next Meeting
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/creating-small-groups/>
- The Lord Broke Through
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/sharing-mutual-leadership/the-lord-broke-through/>
- Vestry As Body of Christ
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/vital-vestries/vestry-as-body-of-christ/>
- A Suggested Order of Meetings (for Vestry Meetings)
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/a-suggested-order-of-meeting-for-vestry-meetings/>

Wardens

- Lessons from a Senior Warden
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/590/lessons-from-a-senior-warden>
- Me and My Engineers: A Rector's Perspective on Selecting a Senior Warden
<http://www.ecfvp.org/blogs/2628/me-and-my-engineers-a-rectors-perspective-on-selecting-a-senior-warden>
- You're a New Warden: Now What?
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/ministry-of-wardens/youre-a-new-warden-now-what/>

- Wardens as Stewards: A Call for Excellence
<http://www.ecfvp.org/yourturn/wardens-as-stewards-a-call-for-excellence/>

Vestry Webinar Recordings

- Vestry Orientation
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/vestry-orientation-7/>
- Making the Most of Your Vestry Retreat
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/making-the-most-of-your-vestry-retreat/>
- Models for Vestry Leadership of Faith Formation
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/models-for-vestry-leadership-of-faith-formation/>
- Senior Warden Ministry: Mission Impossible?
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/senior-warden-ministry-mission-impossible/>
- Communications for Episcopal Leaders
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/communications-for-episcopal-leaders-2/>

Webinars on Vision and Planning

- Holy Shift: Strategic Thinking For Congregations
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/holy-shift-strategic-thinking-for-congregations/>
- Vision and Planning
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/vision-and-planning/>

Tools and Resources

Annual Meeting

- Commissioning for New Parish Leaders
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/vestry-101/commissioning-new-parish-leaders/>
- Examples of Commissioning Services
<http://www.ecfvp.org/yourturn/examples-of-commissioning-services/>
- The Book of Occasional Services (Lay Ministries: 15. Officers of Church Organizations, p. 193)
<https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/index.cfm?fuseaction=add&productID=143>

Orientation

- Vestry Hand-Off: Orientation for New Members
<http://www.ecfvp.org/yourturn/the-vestry-hand-off-orientation-for-new-members/>

- Getting to Know You: Tips for New Groups
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/getting-to-know-you-tips-for-new-groups/>
- Creating Small Groups
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/creating-small-groups/>
- Congregational Confidentiality and Release of Info
<http://www.ecfvp.org/yourturn/congregational-confidentiality-and-release-of-info/>
- How to Write a Reflection
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/how-to-write-a-reflection/>

Retreats

- A Snapshot of Our Urban Neighborhood Vestry Retreat
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/a-snapshot-of-our-urban-neighborhood-vestry-retreat/>
- Value One Another (Vestry Retreat)
<http://www.ecfvp.org/blogs/2644/value-one-another-vestry-retreat>
- A Vision for Your Vestry Retreat
<http://www.ecfvp.org/blogs/2635/a-vision-for-your-vestry-retreat>
- The Vestry Goes on Retreat
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/594/the-vestry-goes-on-retreat>
- Why Team Building Matters
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/535/why-team-building-matters>
- Kanuga Church Leadership Conference
<https://www.kanuga.org/our-programs/adult-conferences-retreats/church-leadership/>
- Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers
<http://www.episcopalccc.org/>

BUDGET PROCESS

Note: While this was not included in the webinar, the following information may be helpful for certain vestry members involved in the budgeting process. Vestries must ensure that there is a sound budget for the coming year and approve it. Additionally, as part of their fiduciary responsibilities, vestries must ensure that sound accounting and business practices are in place and being followed.

Budgets

- Creating a Sound Parish Budget
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/financial-planning/create-a-sound-parish-budget/>
- Authentic Tough Talk
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/church-budgets-in-a-bear-market/authentic-tough-talk/>
- Treat the Disease, Not the Symptom
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/conflict/treat-the-disease-not-the-symptom/>

Audits

- Audits: A Necessity, Not An Option
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/financial-planning/audits-a-necessity-not-an-option/>
- Audits: Practicing Internal Controls
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/finance-and-administration/audits-practicing-internal-controls/>
- Sharing Audits
<http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/sharing-audits/>

Finance Basics

- Basics of Parish Finance
<http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/basics-of-parish-finance/>
- Lessons from a Rookie Treasurer
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/finance-and-administration/lessons-from-a-rookie-treasurer/>
- Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/manual-of-business-methods-in-church-affairs/>
- Accounting Software: Finding the Right Fit
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/finance-and-administration/accounting-software-finding-the-right-fit/>

Insurance Coverage

- For Things Done and Left Undone (insurance and liability)
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/finance-and-administration/for-things-done-and-left-undone/>

- Help When You Need It (property insurance)
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/finance-and-administration/help-when-you-need-it/>