



Congregation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Synod: \_\_\_\_\_

**Stewardship Questionnaire**

1. Which of the following applies to your congregation? (Select one)
  - The pastor is responsible for all stewardship initiatives.
  - A lay person is responsible for all stewardship initiatives.
  - We have an active stewardship committee.
  - There is no one in our congregation responsible for stewardship initiatives.
  
2. Which of the following stewardship programs did your congregation use last year? Select all that apply.
 

<input type="checkbox"/> "Giving" magazine/accompanying resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Every member visit
<input type="checkbox"/> "Consecration Sunday"	<input type="checkbox"/> A program developed by your congregation
<input type="checkbox"/> A yearlong stewardship program	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Specify _____	
  
3. Does your stewardship ministry include a focus on giving time and talent in addition to financial giving?     Yes     No
  
4. Does your congregation:
  - Ask members to make an annual written financial pledge or commitment?                       Yes     No
  - Actively promote planned giving?     Yes     No
  - Regularly thank members for their contribution to the ministry of the church?                       Yes     No
 If you answered yes to the last question, please indicate how?
  - Through a public thank you event     A mailed thank you     Regular reports
  - Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Approximately what percentage of your budget goes to support mission opportunities outside of your congregation (not including benevolence to your synod or the National Office)? \_\_\_\_\_%
  
6. What percentage of your members utilize Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP) or Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)? \_\_\_\_\_%
  
7. Is stewardship education included as a part of the following activities?
 

Sunday school	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sermons	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
New-member orientation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Once a year emphasis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Youth/adult study classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Council meetings/retreats	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other: _____	
  
8. Has your congregation:
  - Been in contact with your Synod Stewardship Consultant or Conference Stewardship Resource Contact in the past three years?                       Yes     No
  - If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

- Used the services of the Synod stewardship consultant or conference stewardship resource person in the past three years?  Yes  No
- If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Each year the National Church sends out a package of stewardship materials which include the "Giving" Magazine and accompanying resources. Does your congregation use these materials?

- Yes
- Please indicate how: \_\_\_\_\_
- How useful to you find these resources?  Not Useful  Somewhat Useful  Very Useful
- No – Please indicate why not: \_\_\_\_\_

10. As a part the ELCIC's *Stewardship of Creation* initiative, has your congregation taken steps to become a "greening congregation"?  Yes  No

- If yes, please give examples.

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11. Over the past three years has your congregation experienced:

- An increase in total giving  A decrease in total giving  About constant total giving

12. What factors do you believe have affected this giving? (Describe)

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13. Do you believe your congregation has a clear sense of its mission?  Yes  No

14. What is the best way the ELCIC's synods and national church can best assist you and your congregation in promoting and improving education about stewardship? (Select only one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Training events about stewardship              | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved stewardship materials/programs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance from a synod stewardship consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving a regular stewards newsletter        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved stewardship web site                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved teaching of stewardship in seminaries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe below)                         |   |

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15. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your congregation's stewardship initiatives?

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***Thank you for completing this questionnaire!***