

Stewardship Challenge Grant Final Report Format

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

The Stewardship Challenge Grant Final Report consists of two parts: 1) summary of experience and 2) documentation of activities. Both are required to be eligible for the remainder of the year's grant funds.

A. Summary of Experience

After completing the activities you have chosen, summarize the experience of your church in 500–2,000 words on a separate sheet. Consider these questions as you reflect on the year's activities:

- What worked? What did not work?
- How was this emphasis on stewardship received?
- How were attitudes toward stewardship and church finances changed?
- In what areas did income to the church increase?

B. Documentation of Chosen Activities

We would like you to provide an item-by-item documentation of activities. The documentation “front page” should list the number and title of each activity undertaken during the Challenge Grant period. A brief description of the documentation should follow. Here is an example.

Activity 1. Stewardship Taskforce <Required>

See 2020-2021 Teams and Work Groups Sheet (gold sheet)

* Stewardship Team

Meets regularly on the third Friday of each month at noon

See Sample agenda for meeting

Activity 22. Narrative Budget <Required>

See 2020 Budget from Church Conference book (grey sheet)

See <https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/a-simple-step-by-step-process-for-creating-a-narrative-budget/>

Below, we have provided a listing of all the Challenge Grant activities. You can use this to start your “front page”; just delete the activities you don't need to report.

Following the “front page” should be the documentation itself. It is helpful if the documents pertaining to each activity are clearly marked, for example, given a title and separated by tabs or colored pages.

If you have any questions please email Jason Mahnke at jmahnke@wumf.org or call him toll-free at (888) 903-9863.

List of Challenge Grant Activities

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- Activity 1. Stewardship Taskforce <Required>
- Activity 2. Monthly Stewardship Activities <Required>
- Activity 3. Stewardship Sermons (≥4) <Required>
- Activity 4. Monitor Giving Patterns
- Activity 5. Attend Training Event
- Activity 6. Year-Round Stewardship Plan
- Activity 7. Endowment Fund
- Activity 8. Quarterly Congregation Updates
- Activity 9. Personal Thanks to Donors <Required>
- Activity 10. Guest Speaker
- Activity 11. Individual Quarterly Updates
- Activity 12. Thank New Givers
- Activity 13. Celebrate What you Have
- Activity 14. Quarterly Testimonies
- Activity 15. Annual Financial Campaign <Required>
- Activity 16. Challenge to Tithe <Required>
- Activity 17. Apportionment Giving Plan <Required>
- Activity 18. Online & Electronic Giving
- Activity 19. Special Offering Sundays
- Activity 20. Mission Project Fundraiser
- Activity 21. Child/Youth Stewards Project
- Activity 22. Narrative Budget <Required>
- Activity 23. Congregation-wide Study
- Activity 24. Planned Giving Presentation
- Activity 25. Personal Finance Education
- Activity 26. List of 52 Ministries
- Activity 27. Stewardship Newsletter Article
- Activity 28. Stewardship Resource Library
- Activity 29. Choose Your Own Idea