

Report to 118th Convention regarding Stewardship
Canons Pam Mott and Steve Abdow

Canons Mott and Abdow continue to share responsibility for Stewardship Formation and Planned Giving. Stewardship and Planned Giving are worked into many of our engagements with parishes in the areas of congregational and leadership development. Canon Mott incorporates stewardship conversations and formation as part of her work in congregational vitality.

Our Leadership Day in March 2019 was focused around Stewardship with leaders Chick Lane and Grace Pomroy. The day was well attended (in a new location!). Recognizing that it is often difficult to translate a learning experience such as Leadership Day into action back in the parish, we are developing a coaching network that can help vestries, clergy, stewardship teams, etc. focus on a pathway forward and on identifying next steps.

While there are no formal Diocesan wide stewardship “events” planned, Canon Mott has communicated with parishes over the summer, suggesting good programs, as well as the offer of a workshop designed to enlarge our stewardship imaginations. Two communications to parishes generated several conversations around brainstorming, idea sharing and deeper awareness of the breadth of stewardship. Two gatherings, with local clusters of parishes, are currently planned. Parishes are encouraged to talk about and develop stewardship awareness all year round.

We are also planning to create a position in the Diocese for a Planned Giving/Legacy Stewardship missionary in 2020.