

Stewardship Resources 2024

Together for Joy – The SALT Project



For congregations everywhere, these are days of reinvention - and the annual giving campaign is no exception. With this in mind, SALT’s team has pulled together today’s best stewardship campaign practices; a compelling theological theme; and a clean, beautiful design aesthetic to create “Together for Joy: A Stewardship Campaign Suite for a New Day.” It’s a plug-and-play, customizable kit of resources for your next giving campaign, including:

- A series of three letters, customizable to your context
- Campaign Logo and Letterhead (in coral, blue, and black and white)
- A beautifully designed pledge card and giving chart
- Worship resource ideas for the campaign, including Call to Worship, Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, Benediction, and Specific Resources for Preaching
- Campaign clip art, for bulletins, newsletters, email, website, social media, etc.
- A lovely social media collection of campaign specific prompts to encourage community conversation and gratitude

The campaign is built around Psalm 98: “Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.” Staying together through the delights and struggles of life - being “together for joy” - has never been more important. And while change brings financial challenges in its wake, it also brings fresh opportunities to sing to God a new song, for God has done - and will do - marvelous things.

Files: This listing is for a downloadable stewardship kit that includes editable Word Docs, PDFs, PNGs, and printing/usage instructions for everything. In addition, the suite also includes Canva versions of the assets (Canva is a free, user-friendly design platform that allows you to customize virtually everything about the assets to fit your context). Moreover, everything in this kit can be distributed electronically as well.

Grace in Action – SALT Project



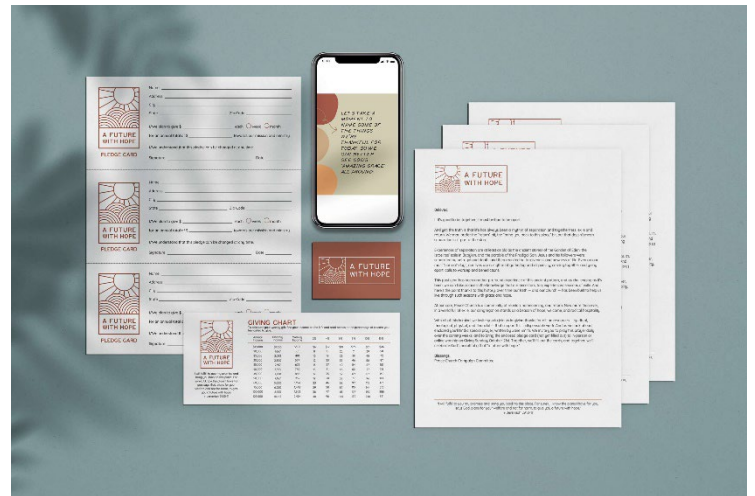
A successful giving campaign doesn't just raise needed funds – it's also a golden opportunity to invest in our values, connect with each other, and most important of all, live into becoming the people God is calling us to be.

“Grace in Action: A Giving Campaign Suite” is based on one simple, powerful idea at the heart of Christian faith: God is graciously generous, and we – children of God created in the image of God – are born to be graciously generous, too. Not because we “should,” but because graceful generosity is a beautiful delight – and because it's who we really are!

Based on three beloved biblical stories (the epic story of creation, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and the Parable of the Good Samaritan), “Grace in Action” is a ready-to-go, customizable kit of resources, including:

- A series of three letters, customizable to your context
- Campaign Logo and Letterhead
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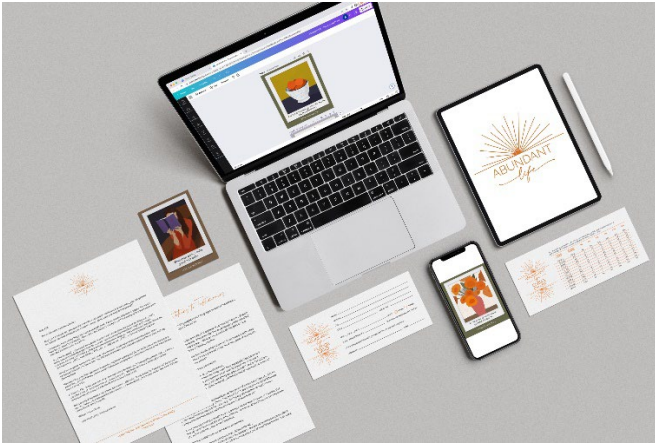
A Future With Hope



SALT's team has pulled together today's best stewardship campaign practices; a compelling theological theme; and a clean, beautiful design aesthetic to create "A Future with Hope: A Stewardship Campaign Suite for a New Day." It's a ready-to-go, customizable kit of resources, including:

- A series of three letters, customizable to your context
- Campaign Logo and Letterhead
- A beautifully designed, customizable pledge card and giving chart
- Worship resource ideas for the campaign, including Call to Worship, Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, Benediction, and Specific Resources for Preaching
- Campaign clip art, for bulletins, newsletters, email, website, social media, etc.
- A lovely social media collection of campaign specific prompts to encourage community conversation and gratitude
- The campaign is built around Jeremiah 29:11: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." The rhythms of diaspora and gathering, exile and return, have been part of the life of faith for generations - and as the world opens up, we can all look ahead to the next chapter, "a future with hope."

Abundant Life - Salt Project



“Abundant Life: A Giving Campaign Suite” is a fully customizable kit designed to give you or your team a beautiful, practical framework for your own campaign of abundance and generosity.

Organized around Jesus' declaration that “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10), this kit explores God’s mission of community, compassion, justice, and love – and how your church participates in that mission every day.

The kit includes:

- A series of three letters, customizable to your context
- Campaign Logo and Letterhead
- A beautifully designed, customizable pledge card and giving chart
- Worship resource ideas for the campaign, including Sermon Starters, Calls to Worship, Calls to Offering, Prayers of Dedication, and Benedictions
- Engaging art work to bring the campaign together, perfect for bulletins, newsletters, email, website, social media, etc.
- A lovely social media collection of campaign-specific prompts to encourage community conversation and a spirit of gratitude

Center for Faith and Giving – Free Resources



A successful partnership leads to a second chance to work with the Ecumenical Stewardship Center and to draw ideas and talent from across “Traditional” lines. It also gave us the chance to feature and share more Disciples as we called upon Lisa Davison and Stephanie Crowder to do the heavy lift on bible and theology for First and Second Testament texts with Nashville superstar Andra Moran to craft the worship experiences. Again, an all-star cast of stewardship experts guide small group discussion materials, and ways to involve children add up to make for a Year A lectionary-related commitment Sunday home run.

Center for Faith and Giving – Resources for Purchase (\$50)

- [Imagine Together](#)
- [From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving](#)
- [Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives](#)

“Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives” makes the connection between a donor’s generosity and the ministry and mission of your congregation.

The materials include eight complete worship services, hymn suggestions, sermon starters from eight different authors; plus additional faith formation sessions for children, youth, and adults.

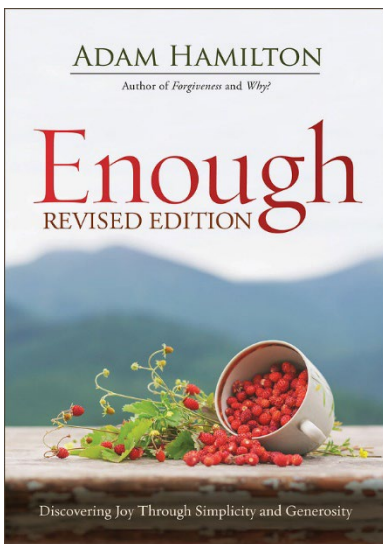
The materials also provide practical tools such as logos, commitment cards, bulletin inserts, and letters. Campaign guidance for every step of a year-round or seasonal effort help leaders make the best use of these robust materials for their specific context and size.

Option Available:

Digital Download (\$49.99) contents:

- Extensive Campaign Materials that includes:
 - Directions and suggestions for an effective campaign
 - Worship and Sermon starter materials
 - Adult Small group and children and youth education resources
 - Communication plan with letters
- Theme logos and graphics
- Digital copies of all pre-printed items:
 - Multiple Poster Images
 - Sunday bulletin inserts
 - Worship folder
 - Multiple Commitment cards
 - Envelope
 - Letterhead

[Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity](#)– Adam Hamilton



Church leaders are struggling to help their congregations respond to the violent ebb and flow of the economy. While their members are simply trying to stay afloat financially, the budget of their church is suffering as well. In the midst of all of this, though, there is God and a divine calling for each of us.

With *Enough Stewardship Program Guide*, Adam Hamilton offers a simple campaign that will transform how the church and individuals view the role of money in connection with their life's purpose and the positive impact that transformation will have on the world.

This program, based on *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*, is designed for church-wide and small-group studies. The print resource is supported by an online library and includes a campaign timeline, sample communication pieces, sermon series notes, and artwork for projection and promotion.

Book - \$13

Money has great power in our lives. Used wisely, it is one key to accomplishing our goals, providing for our needs, and fulfilling our life purpose. In recent years, many of us ignored the wisdom of the past when it came to managing and spending our money. Credit card debt

soared, savings rates plummeted, and our home equity became something to be tapped into and spent rather than a source of security in retirement. We felt an insatiable desire for more. And we found ourselves spending tomorrow's money today in order to have what we hoped would satisfy. The result of all of this was not greater happiness and satisfaction, but greater stress and anxiety.

Enough is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. In these pages are found the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money.

"We Americans love our stuff. We're living in a fast-paced, me-first, instant-gratification world, and it's finally catching up to us. Debt is out of control, homes are in foreclosure ... even banks are going out of business. What the world needs today is the message of contentment and simplicity, and that's exactly what Pastor Adam Hamilton delivers in Enough."

Dave Ramsey, New York Times Best-Selling Author and Nationally Syndicated Radio Talk Show Host

"Once again, Adam Hamilton is leading the church; 'Enough is enough' was once a Wesleyan watchword. Adam breathes new life into the Wesleyan commitment to simplicity. Amid a culture of greed and conspicuous consumption Adam calls us to a biblically based, evangelical joy of having the faith to say 'enough is enough.'"

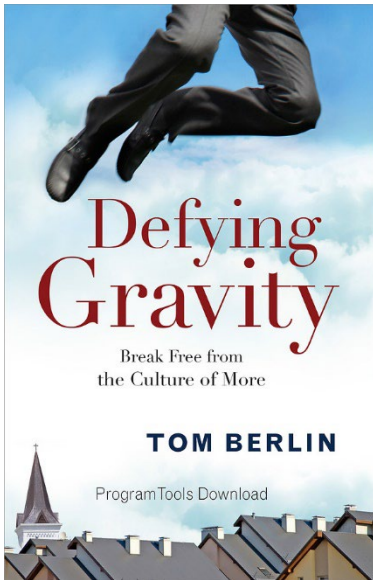
Bishop Will Willimon

United Methodist Church, Birmingham Area

"I pay close attention to whatever Adam Hamilton writes. His books are marked by extraordinary pastoral insight, biblical and theological depth, courage to speak the truth, and down-to-earth practicality. Enough comes like an antidote in the middle of a pandemic. I hope that classes, groups, couples, and individuals will use this book—and the economic crisis it addresses—as a challenge to get healthy again by deepening our discipleship in the vital area of money and possessions."

Brian McLaren, Author/Networker (brianmclaren.net)

[Defying Gravity: Break from the Culture of More](#) – Tom Berlin



Stuff. And more stuff. And even more stuff. The next thing you know, we're pulled into the orbit of materialism! In *Defying Gravity*, Tom Berlin takes a look at the difference between “want” and “need” and illustrates how possessions can create an unbearable weight on our lives. He shows us how too much stuff affects our ability to serve and thrive, and then he helps us explore what is required to sustain a vibrant life. Perfect for a four-week stewardship campaign and small-group study, *Defying Gravity* features the book, a Leader Guide with multiple format options; a DVD of “Generosity Moments” with uplifting stories of how generosity has changed and shaped lives ; a Program Flash Drive or download with campaign guide, handouts, tools, and videos for pastor mentoring and worship; and a Pastor Guide, *A Generous Church*.

Break free from the culture of “more” and help your congregation become, instead, a church of generosity.

The Program Guide Download includes:

A Program Overview that includes the overall purpose of the campaign and hoped-for outcomes, the focus and challenges for each week of the campaign, as well as a schedule of activities (mailings, sermons topics, execution of the campaign) and follow-up after the campaign.

Pastor Tools that include:

- **Video consulting sessions featuring Tom Berlin providing strategic advice to pastors and teams for creating a shared identity for the church as a generous congregation.**
- **A how-to guide for the Clean Out Challenge used at Tom Berlin’s church which is discussed in the *Defying Gravity* book**
- **Sample sermons for each of the four weeks**

Worship Resources that may be used both in preparation of worship services as well as illustrations during a worship service include four sermon video illustrations (1-2 minutes) that pastors can use in worship as a part of their sermons and teaching. There are two versions for each week – a short video for use during worship service as well as an example of each video illustration with commentary from Tom Berlin demonstrating how the video might be used during a worship service.

Mailings (letters and e-mail) that will help pastors and leaders tailor their campaign.

Handouts for the campaign that include:

- **An Estimate of Giving Card**
- **A Financial Planning Sheet (suggested for use in the Defying Gravity book)**

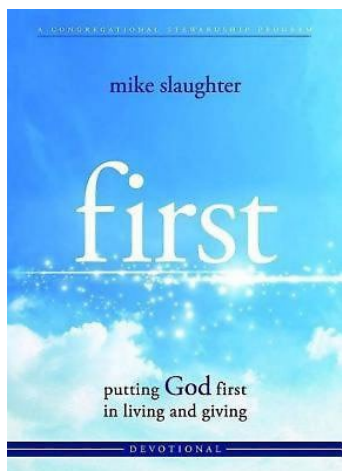
Marketing materials that include:

- **Book cover art in several versions**
- **Presentation images**
- **An editable flyer/poster to which church specific information may be added**
- **A vector EPS of the Defying Gravity logo**

[Defying Gravity – Family Card pack - \\$3](#)

Never before has it been so much fun to break free of all our stuff! The Defying Gravity Family Card Pack includes 28 cards with daily activities to help you focus on the life you want one day at a time. Activities include cleaning out drawers, arranging closets, donating clothes and other life-changing exercises that puts you on the path to a vibrant and fulfilling life. It's an experience to involve the whole family and the perfect follow up for the Defying Gravity Bible study program.

[First – Mike Slaughter](#)



In *First: Putting God First in Living and Giving*, pastor and author Mike Slaughter conducts a four-week all-church stewardship program to help participants reassess priorities and create a culture and a lifestyle of faithful living and giving and make a meaningful contribution to the world. To help parents educate and model generosity for their kids, *First* includes components for children and youth that help families explore financial decisions together. This book of devotional readings is a companion resource for program participants and is designed to draw families into closer fellowship with God as they explore financial decisions together. Includes short readings, Scripture, prayer, and stories.

Devotionals for Adults and Youth, \$7.50 each

Childrens lesson materials (4 lessons)

Our Money Story – A Sanctified Art



This resource includes worship resources, a printable study journal, sermon planning guide, a collaborative art project, artwork, poetry prayers, and a full branding bundle with logos, graphics, and more. It also includes, “a collection of practical guides and workbooks to equip pastors and committees in leading a successful campaign.” All in all, this resource looks to have it all, excellent design, great teaching, devotional materials, and even help for the campaign team.

THE CORE VALUES UNDERLYING THESE RESOURCES:

- Art and stewardship belong together
- Stewardship is an ongoing spiritual practice that helps individuals and communities become more whole
- Our stories matter—they shape what we believe and how we act
- Stewardship is crucial to our spiritual health—especially in times of crisis or economic recession
- We worship a God of enough who calls us to work for equity and enough for all

A Wonder-Full Life – Worship Design Studio



Using the classic film "It's a Wonderful Life" as a springboard of discussion on **how money affects each of us in different ways**, this four-week worship series helps us look squarely in the face of our "money issues" with mindfulness and compassion. In this way we can learn how to find **more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness**, as well as a fresh outlook on what constitutes "A Wonder-Full Life."

Like George Bailey, we sometimes need some help in the midst of the discouragement that can come with our fear about money. In this worship series, we "look back" (Week One) on the origins of our fears with a practice of compassion for ourselves and others and a faith that reminds us of our true worth. We "look in" (Week Two) and find out what courageous vision can help form our new spiritual practices related to money. We "look out" (Week Three) to see how God is calling us to offer our resources—money, time, and passion. And we "look with gratitude" (Week Four) as we move forward into that vision with a renewed sense of abundance.

While this series is focused on our relationship with money, it does not have to be related to a "stewardship campaign" although you might consider this! This series can be done any time of year, but could be timed in November to have the last week coincide with the Sunday before Thanksgiving, making it a perfect compliment to that holiday and as a lead-up to Advent.

A trusted colleague gave it *excellent reviews*, that both she and her congregation *loved it!* This series looks like it would be particularly good for a late October / November campaign, preached on the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Holiday season.