

## Schedule at a Glance:

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25:

4:30 - 5:30	Registration
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner
6:30 - 7:00	Opening
7:00 - 8:30	Plenary: Embracing Stewardship Grace Duddy Pomroy & Chick Lane
8:30	Poolside Conversations

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 26:

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30	Morning Prayer - Shannon Webster
8:30 - 10:00	Plenary: Stewardship with Adults Under 40: Possibilities Abound - Grace Duddy Pomroy
10:00	Break
10:15 - 11:45	Workshop I
11:45	Break
Noon - 1:00	Lunch
1:15 - 2:45	Workshop II
3:00 - 4:30	Plenary: Talking About Money when You Aren't Asking for Any - Chick Lane
4:30 - 5:30	Break
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner
6:30 - 7:30	Evening Worship - Shannon Webster
7:30 - 8:30	Q & A Panel

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27:

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30	Morning Prayer - Shannon Webster
8:30 - 9:45	Workshop III
9:45	Break
10:00 - 11:15	Workshop IV
11:15	Break
11:30 - Noon	Worship
Noon	Box Lunches To Go

Spirit of Stewardship events have been held across the denomination since 1994. "Nurturing Generous Hearts II" is underwritten by the Synod of the Southwest. The conference aim is to increase our faithfulness, our joy and our creative competence at the practice of stewardship by:

- \*Teaching specific skills
- \*Allowing for personal growth
- \*Engaging in theological reflection
- \*Providing for stimulating conversations with nationally recognized leaders

## Registration

**Registration Deadline  
is August 10, 2016**

**Register Online at [www.synodsw.org](http://www.synodsw.org)**

**or**

**Call the Synod Office at (520) 791-9600**

### Conference Registration Fees:

**\$75 (Double Occupancy)**

**\$125 (Single Occupancy)**

**\$50 for Commuter Fee (Meals & Conference Only)**

**Fee Includes** registration, hotel room and conference meals;

**Cancellation Policy:** 100% refund before July 30th;  
50% refund by August 15th; **NO** refund after August 15th.

**Transportation:** On your own. Hilton Phoenix Airport provides free shuttle service to/from the airport.



## Nurturing Generous Hearts II

**A Synod of the Southwest Event  
Celebrating the Spirit of Stewardship**

**A learning opportunity for Pastors, Staff,  
Stewardship Committees and Lay Leaders of  
the Synod of the Southwest and its Presbyteries.**

**August 25 - 27, 2016**

**Hilton Phoenix Airport  
2435 South 47th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona**

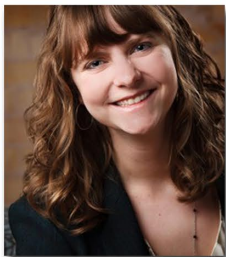


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## Keynote Speakers:



### Grace Duddy Pomroy

Financial Education Specialist Portico Benefit Services

Previously, Grace served as Assistant Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary and Executive Director of Operations at Kairos and Associates.

She is the author of the year-round stewardship resource *Stewards of God’s Love* and co-authored *Embracing Stewardship*. She is a self proclaimed Millennial who has a blog on frugality called “Classy Frugalist”. Grace and her husband Tyler have recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary, so they are still enjoying being newlyweds!



### Charles R. Lane

Pastor Evangelical Lutheran Church Maple Grove, MN

Chick has served three congregations, as Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Director for Stewardship Key Leader in the ELCA, and Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He is the author of *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation*, and co-author with Grace Duddy Pomroy of *Embracing Stewardship: How to put stewardship at the heart of your congregation’s life*. He has also written two annual stewardship response methods: *Walk with Jesus and Because of God’s Great Mercy*, and numerous articles on stewardship. He lives in Maple Grove, Minnesota with his wife, Chris. He currently serves as Pastor for Stewardship and Generosity at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove.

## Worship Leader:



### Shannon Webster

Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church Birmingham, AL

Pastor, former Presbytery executive for 18 years (Sierra Blanca), past president of both the New Mexico Conference of Churches and the Association of Executive Presbyters.

The Rev. Webster is the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama. The church is home to the industrial city’s oldest congregation, now in a sustained period of revitalization. The church’s commitment to urban justice involves Shannon in regular civic engagement, such as chairing the interfaith community organizing effort, Birmingham Faith in Action.

## Workshops: Come and...

- *deepen your understanding of the Theology of Giving and the practice of stewardship*
- *help others discover the joy of giving generously*



### Friday, 10:15 - 11:45 AM

#### 1-A. BECAUSE OF GOD’S GREAT MERCY

This workshop will help your congregation conduct its next annual stewardship response program. Characteristics of a successful program will be presented, along with a suggested timeline. The place of the annual response program in the congregation’s entire stewardship ministry will also be discussed. The new stewardship program, *Because of God’s Mercy* which was written by the presenter, will be featured.

#### 1-B. GROWING A THANKFUL & GENEROUS PEOPLE

Imagine that on a newly-called pastor’s first day of work, a church member handed the pastor a check for \$1 million. That happened. How and why did that happen? God creates such people, of course, but gives us an important role.

#### 1-C. YOU’RE SPENDING YOUR MONEY ON WHAT? A workshop on Narrative Budgets

Come explore how to translate your line-item budget into an interpretive tool! We’ll talk about narrative budgets and practice making your own. Bring a copy of your line-item budget with you and any mission statements of your congregation or governing body.

#### 1-D. A TELLING SECRET: Why Congregations Hide Giving Documents and How to Change That

These secrets affect a congregation’s culture of generosity. How do our secrets hinder faithful funding of Christ’s mission? Let’s explore how we can open the financial discipleship conversation with grace and comfort.

### Friday, 1:15 - 2:45 PM

#### 2-A. THE “THANK-YOU” LENS OF STEWARDSHIP

What would your stewardship program look like if the view was through the lens of “thank-you”? How do we shift our thinking from scarcity to abundance; from fearfulness to confidence? This workshop invites participants to focus on the “why” of giving, and to look at it through the lens of gratitude. It will provide biblical, theological perspectives along with practical strategies and ideas for increasing thoughtful giving.

#### 2-B. TELL & THANK

Tell and Thank are two vital words in stewardship ministry. This workshop will stress the importance of thanking people for their gifts to the congregation and telling them how their gifts are making a difference in the church, the community and the world. Practical ideas will be given that can change the stewardship culture of your congregation.

#### 2-C. COURAGEOUS GENEROSITY LEADERSHIP - THE PASTOR’S ROLE

Many complain today that the church is over-managed and under-led. A manager does things right while a leader does the right things. How does a pastor develop principled conduct under the stress of a budget shortfall? How often should a pastor preach about stewardship and generosity? What about his or her own giving? Should the pastor know about the giving of church members? How does he or she minister to a member who isn’t giving to the church?

#### 2-D. UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF BOUNTIFUL GENEROSITY (Part 1)

These workshops will focus on the foundational issues of spirituality and leadership, providing immediately doable steps for growing generosity and transforming congregations. They will equip leaders to shift their congregants’ hearts as well as their wallets.

## Workshops (continued)

### Saturday, 8:30 - 9:45 AM

#### 3-A. FOSTERING GENEROSITY AS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

Scripture, Intimate Fellowship, Prayer and Extravagant Generosity are the cornerstones this church is built on and thriving. Learn more about how one congregation is experiencing and witnessing to God’s abundance. Here there is no “stewardship season” but rather a year-round spirit of generosity.

#### 3-B. ASSET-BASED STEWARDSHIP FOR THE SMALL CONGREGATION

Small membership congregations are often better at recognizing their limitations than at affirming their unique assets. Small church stewardship can have big possibilities! The church’s vision need not be small, nor must it struggle over financial resources. This workshop will offer new insights and practical resources for energizing stewardship ministry in the small membership congregation, from nurturing leadership, to encouraging special gifts and bequests, and re-energizing annual giving.

#### 3-C. UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF BOUNTIFUL GENEROSITY (Part 2)

These workshops will focus on the foundational issues of spirituality and leadership, providing immediately doable steps for growing generosity and transforming congregations. They will equip leaders to shift their congregants’ hearts as well as their wallets.

#### 3-D. THE GOSPEL OF GIVING

Paul writes in his first letter to Timothy about taking hold of “the life that really is life”. When we neglect stewardship theology, we rob ourselves of one of the greatest joys of life - the joy of giving - and we fail to live life to its fullest.

### Saturday, 10:00 - 11:15 AM

#### 4-A. GROWING GRACE & GRATITUDE in STEWARDSHIP

The Presbyterian Curriculum for children, “**Growing in Grace and Gratitude**”, has a heavy emphasis on gratitude for God’s blessings which makes a good basis for stewardship work. Additionally, some adult resources will likewise provide guidance in stewardship for adults. This workshop can assist both education and stewardship elders.

#### 4-B. STEWARDSHIP IN MULTIRACIAL AND MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

This workshop will feature a panel of leaders from Native American and Hispanic communities who will share resources and ideas that have been and will be particularly helpful to members of these congregations. Do ideas vary in how to approach stewardship given cultural differences? Be ready to bring specific questions and challenges.

#### 4-C. PREACHING STEWARDSHIP

This workshop will present ideas to inspire pastors with different approaches to stewardship preaching. Do you do the same thing every year? Do you preach stewardship only once a year or often throughout the year? Do you have a favorite scripture(s) on which you base your sermon? What might you do differently?

#### 4-D. CREATING CULTURES OF GENEROSITY

A culture of generosity is rooted in celebrating the resources God has given us letting our response become the means for spiritual growth. This workshop will examine the principals of generosity, review leadership roles and structure, and examine ways the various motivations for giving that successful programs address.

#### \*ADDED OPPORTUNITIES...

Meet representatives of:

The Presbyterian Foundation and The Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program