Planned Giving to Support Mission and Ministry Webinar
March 31, 2019
via Practical Resources for Churches
(https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R5x2fqAWQymEB3unztYUhg)

While a significant wealth transfer occurs (and will occur) in our country as our eldest
generation passes, many congregations and ministries remain unprepared to promote planned
giving options among their members. Only 5% of people leave a charitable bequest even
though nearly a third of people would if asked or invited to consider one. This webinar will
equip congregational leaders to begin a planned giving program in their setting. We’ll begin by
considering generosity as a spiritual practice and why donors would want to give a planned gift.
Then we’ll learn about the three varieties of planned gifts and develop a plan for offering these
options. Lastly, we’ll review a checklist of good policies and steps necessary for successfully
launching a planned giving program. Through this webinar, you will learn key concepts and
create an actionable plan for your congregation or ministry.

Preaching Generosity Webinars
It can be hard to talk about money. And yet Jesus spoke about it often, second only to the
Kingdom of God. Join Rev. Andrew Warner to explore how to preach and teach about
generosity and the use of our financial resources. Each webinar will focus on a specific liturgical
season and a set of readings. We will plan out at least one preaching opportunity for teaching
generosity as a spiritual practice.

Thursday Jan. 16th – 2 pm Central
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZQkf-mgrDMtqA6mmK8_odWL_R8jDVUDvg
The Season of Epiphany: Disciples and Generosity – We’ll look at how the call of the first
disciples (Matthew 4: 12-23) and Micah 6:1-8 help illuminate generosity as part of our
discipleship. This focus may work particularly well for a sermon in advance of an annual
congregational meeting.

Wednesday Feb. 26th – 2 pm Central
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpUtfu6trDwjLbprSp7TkJN0YtoZ07xS9w
The Season of Lent: A Changed Life – Using the story of Nicodemus, we’ll see how
increasing generosity created change in his life. We’ll look beyond the lectionary reading
to consider the other two appearances of Nicodemus. The story will focus attention on
what it means to experience change in our lives.

Monday April 20st – 2 pm Central
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpYvdOyprTij_Wj7mbXA5ihy53zh01ziQ
The Season of Easter: Beloved Community – The stories of Good Shepherd Sunday (May
3) speak to what it means to live generously in a community (Acts 2: 42-47, Ps. 23, and
John 10: 1-10). This Sunday offers a chance to think broadly about the many forms of
generosity and how it reinforces connections within a community.