



CONGREGATIONAL ASSETS INVENTORY: STEWARDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & RECREATION

The Congregational Assets Inventory is broken in to five parts:

- Facility
- Human Care and Outreach
- Worship, Christian Education, and Small Groups
- Stewardship, Fellowship, and Recreation
- Equipment

Take all or a few of the inventories. The information can be used to help identify the many blessings God has already provided your congregation as you move to create new or expand/strengthen existing social service outreach ministries.

These three areas are essential to our life together in the congregation. Stewardship helps us identify our personal gifts from God and directs our expression of thanksgiving through their use to God's glory. Fellowship and recreation enable us to build community on a very basic, uncomplicated level. Please begin here recording your congregation's assets in the area of stewardship.

1. Do you have an annual Pledge Sunday?

- Yes
- No [Skip to 3]

2. Each year, how does your congregation intentionally prepare for Pledge Sunday?

- Sermon Series
- Bible Study
- Pledge drive

3. When was your last capital funds campaign?

- Less than 1 year ago
- 1-5 years ago
- 5-15 years ago
- More than 15 years ago
- I do not know
- We have never done a capital funds campaign

4. Have you had a Bible study on stewardship within the last 2 years?

- Yes
- No

5. How often do you have sermons relating to stewardship?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Annually
- More than once per year

6. When you talk about stewardship in your congregation, which do you talk about?

- Financial giving
 - Spiritual gifts
 - Skills and talents
 - Volunteer Time
 - We do not address stewardship in any formal way
 - Other, please specify
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7. In which of the following do you intentionally include stewardship training?

- Day school curriculum
 - Sunday School and/or midweek curriculum
 - Confirmation instruction
 - New member instruction
 - Other, please specify
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8. Is your congregation intentional in teaching about spiritual gifts and giving members the opportunity to take a spiritual gifts assessment?

- Yes
- No [Skip to 10]

9. Do all new members go through the teaching on spiritual gifts and take the assessment?

- Yes
- No

10. Which of the following information does your leadership use when matching a member to a volunteer position or task?

- Time and talent survey
 - Spiritual gifts survey
 - Member's stated passions
 - Life Skills
 - Spiritual maturity
 - Other, please specify
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11. Has your congregation gone through the Consecrated Stewards program?

- Yes
- No

12. Describe any especially successful programs, materials, and Bible studies on stewardship that you have used.

It is often through fellowship and recreation that relationships are formed and nurtured. They often provide a comfortable and familiar setting for drawing in the un-churched, building community with new members, and re-establishing our faith walk with inactive members. Please share your assets in fellowship and recreation.

13. Is your congregation very intentional about planning fellowship events?

- Yes
- No

14. Do you plan meals as a way to fellowship around celebrations and special events?

- Yes
- No

15. Do you plan meals (or some type of food service) solely for the sake of developing fellowship?

- Yes
- No

16. Do you promote Sunday morning fellowship by making drinks and refreshments available in a visible and inviting space?

- Yes
- No

17. Are you intentional about drawing visitors into that Sunday morning fellowship area?

- Yes
- No

18. Which of the following types of fellowship events does your church provide?

- Hosting the Sunday morning fellowship area
- Going to movies or concerts together
- Weekend trips
- Day trips
- Tours
- Women's Night Out
- Mom's Night Out
- Breakfast or lunch with a specific group
- Seasonal parties or events
- Game nights
- Movie nights
- Talent shows
- Art shows
- Picnics and Barbecues
- Other, please specify

19. If your congregation has had a particularly successful fellowship event, why was it successful?

20. Regarding recreation, which do you provide?

- Programs for children
 - Programs for teens
 - Programs for adults
 - At least one adult league
 - At least one youth league (*excluding day school teams*)
 - Open gym at scheduled times during the week
 - Exercise equipment
 - Walking club
 - Exercise class
 - Sponsored recreational trips based on a special sport (*examples: fishing, skiing, hiking*)
 - Prayer, devotions, and/or Bible study as an integral part of recreational activities
 - Other, please specify
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21. If a particular form of recreation has been a special asset to ministry in your congregation, describe it below.
