

# Growing Healthy Stewards – Introduction

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Stewardship education is an important aspect of healthy parish ministry. The generous giving of our time, talent, and treasure ensures that the parish has the resources to be vibrant, attractive, and missional. Our stewardship is a part of how we live out our discipleship – essentially our call to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. As stewards we commit to a life of generosity in all aspects of our lives.

St George's has committed to implementing the Growing Healthy Stewards (GHS) education program developed by the diocese of Toronto. It has three unique features: it is coached; its programs have been widely tried, tested, and refined by the parishes in the diocese; and, the outcomes are measurable.

A GHS committee has been formed to implement the program at St George's. The committee members include: Irene Taylor, Gladys Farquharson, Mike Peart, Dan Mongrain, Eleanor Ireland, Barb Wotton, and Jannet Waddington-Finch.

Our parish has been teamed with Sandra Birney, an experienced lay volunteer who has a proven track record of stewardship leadership in the parish of St Dunstan's.

GHS program is a year round effort designed to make our parish healthy. The format ensures church members are exposed to all aspects of stewardship education and that they are given the opportunity to fully embrace the life of the Christian steward.

“For your heart will always be where your riches are” (Luke 12:34)

More information on the GHS program will be communicated in the Standard, to Parish Council, and to the congregation at large in September.

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