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Forever Wild

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"Emerging Paradigms"

Older Paradigm

**Emerging
Paradigm**

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. "

(II Corinthians 9:7)

"Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission."

—Henri Nouwen

In September, I attended the Kaleidoscope Conference, focused on financial stewardship for churches. I had hoped to gain insight into how presbyteries might increase their financial stewardship especially as our presbytery ministry needs are growing to support, encourage and strengthen the ministry of churches. What I gained were some insights into what motivates people to give in the 21st century, which impacts churches and presbytery. The following outline was presented by Rev. Adam Copeland.

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Giving out of religious obligation or moral duty

Giving out of personal choice and as a result of cultivation

Guilt and negativity re purchases and connection to things

Embracing the holy possibilities of stuff

Giving is a contribution or donation

Giving is creating change, powering a vision

Narrow view of giving focused on gifts to the church

Holistic view embracing giving beyond the church

Tendency not to discuss giving habits

Sharing giving decisions occurs, and is even encouraged

Institutions/ denominations are to be trusted

Institutional trust must be earned
A Few Ways We Can Earn Trust:

1. Transparency & Authenticity
2. Budget
3. Thank Yous

Presumes giving by check and/or cash

Embracing electronic and automated giving

Talking about money once a year when asking for it

Welcoming & encouraging discussion of money when not asking for it

Money and the individual or personal

Money and the common good
"A study of money and possessions makes clear that the neighborly common good is

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the only viable
sustainable
context for
individual well-
being.”

What is it that speaks to you? To how your church or organization is asking people to give?

Building Transformational Leaders

Equipping Christ-followers to Go into Their Neighborhoods,

Steve



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