“We deem it a sacred responsibility and genuine opportunity to be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our financial resources. We view all of life as a sacred trust to be used wisely... We will consider the support of the benevolent causes of the Moravian Church, both at home and abroad, as a privilege, an opportunity, and a responsibility.”

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Stewardship Services

Stewardship Services to help churches and agencies grow and sustain the ministries that are central to our Moravian faith.
Shaping Leaders

Stewardship flourishes when clergy and church leaders are equipped and empowered to help believers become disciples of Christ in the use of all the resources God has provided.

MFFA helps shape stewardship leaders by:
- Working together to identify ways to weave stewardship into the church’s culture
- Connecting clergy and laity to share best practices
- Taking steps to decrease fear and anxiety around money
- Sharing resources from our ecumenical and other partners

Financial training for clergy and church leaders

Educating Members

Faithful stewards aren’t born; they’re formed. This formation takes intentionality and ongoing education. MFFA can help you educate your members by:

- Facilitating workshops that help people have a holistic understanding of biblical stewardship
- Connecting you with educational resources
- Leading congregations through structured processes to identify resources and assets important to ministry
- Helping individuals, congregations, and agencies envision and clarify their future ministries
- Assessing the feasibility of various ministry options

Developing Holistic & Sustainable Stewardship Ministries

Stewardship is so much more than an annual financial appeal; thriving stewardship ministries focus on gifts of time, talent, testimony, and treasure throughout the year. MFFA can help you develop your stewardship with fresh eyes by:

- Looking at the congregation’s gifts: how they’re being used and how they make a difference
- Working with you to create a year-round stewardship ministry that incorporates congregational gifts, enhances ministry connections, includes communication strategies, and connects with the church’s mission and vision for the future
- Helping you learn best practices for investing, budgeting, and planned giving

Our Processes, Tools & Services:

Discernment: Meeting with the pastor, joint board, and stewardship committee to understand what your church’s “ministry of stewardship” currently looks like, what you would like it to look like, and how we can help.

We also conduct a stewardship health analysis of financial and membership data, as well as spiritual, ministry, and stewardship-focused indicators.

Focus groups: We lead conversations for members to articulate their understanding of stewardship, what it looks like, and what it accomplishes.

We also discuss valued ministries and the challenges the church is facing, as well as the church budget, giving patterns and levels. Our report to church leaders summarizes our observations and recommendations, which may include advice on educating members, strengthening ministry connections, stewardship communication, and how to incorporate gift planning (bequests, annuities, trusts, donor-advised funds, gifts of different kinds of assets, etc.).

We may also identify spiritual mission, and community goals.

Stewardship messaging: MFFA can help your Moravian church inspire members to grow in their commitments of time, talent, and treasure by developing language, materials, and activities to support stewardship efforts throughout the year.

Project-based feasibility studies: We listen to members to gauge the climate for capital fundraising, which includes assessing satisfaction with ministries and programs, determining the awareness and acceptance of the proposed areas for fundraising, and measuring the volunteer and financial potential for these activities.

Planned giving: We work with the church leadership to identify ministries or funds for future gifts, create policies and collateral, and implement a plan to educate the congregation about planned giving and encourage those gifts.

Workshops: topics include “The 4 Ts of stewardship” (time, talent, treasure, and testimony), year-round stewardship, asset mapping, narrative budgets, and financial planning and generosity, and more.

Resources: We have a partnership with Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University and the Ecumenical Stewardship Center. We also have resources available on our website, mmfa.info. They include stewardship scripture, suggested readings, gift planning information, and more.

For more information, please call us at 1-888-722-7923, or visit us at mmfa.info

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