



Moravian Ministries

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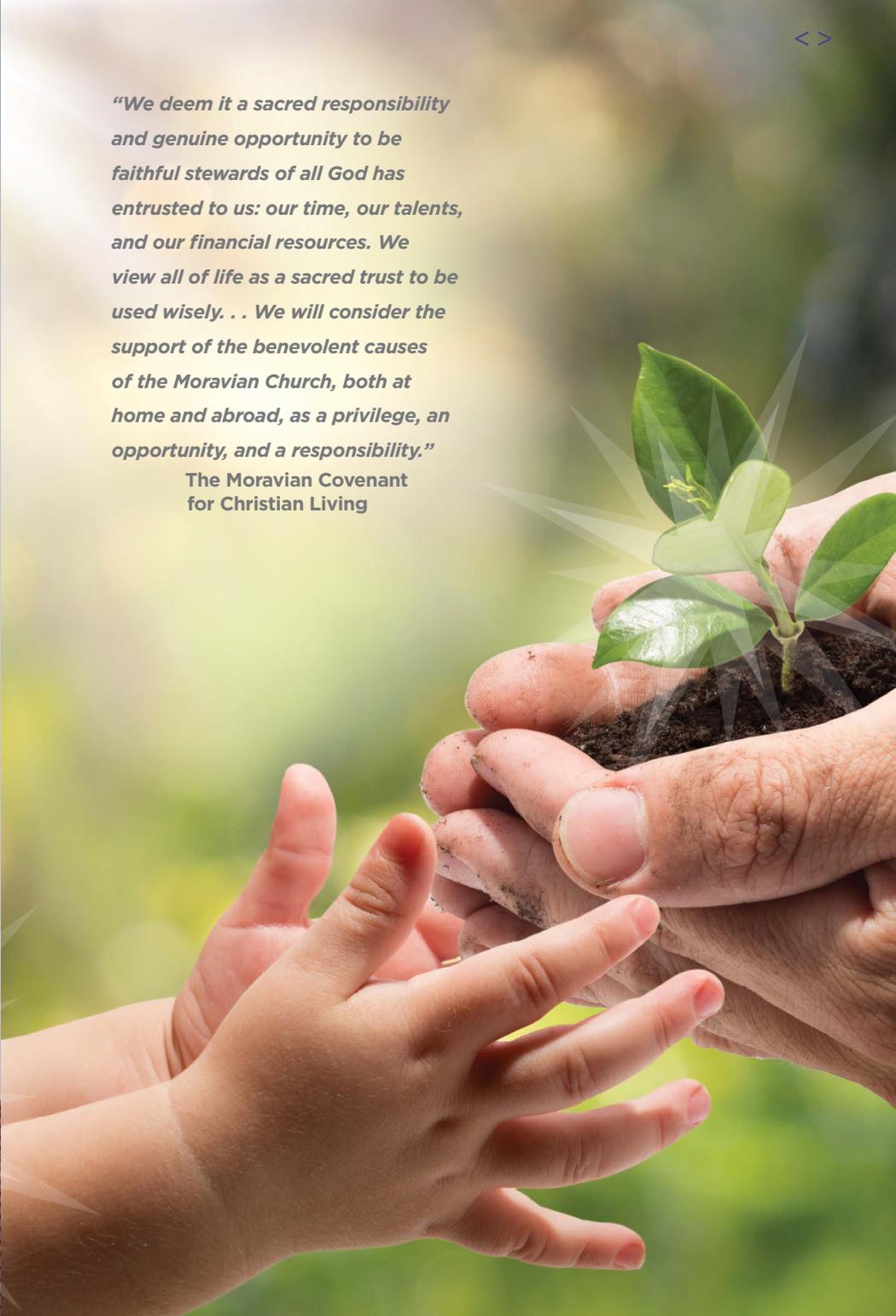


Stewardship Services

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



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“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.”

The Moravian Covenant
for Christian Living

Stewardship is Central to Our Moravian Identity

We are created in God's image to give. Stewardship is a way of life in which we use God's resources at our disposal for God's purposes, recognizing that God's gifts are dynamic and designed to flow out of us. Stewardship is a commitment to becoming Christ-centered rather than self-centered. It is a sacred responsibility and a joyful journey that brings us closer to who God is calling us to be.

Your Foundation Can Help At No Cost

The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) helps pastors, ministry leaders, and congregations discover, strengthen, and renew their stewardship by:

- Shaping leaders
- Educating believers
- Developing holistic and sustainable stewardship ministries

The generosity of your fellow Moravian investors enables us to offer these services at no charge.



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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.

MMFA 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** specific for clergy and church leaders



Educating Believers

Faithful stewards aren't born; they're formed. This formation takes intentionality and ongoing education. MMFA can help you educate your community of faith 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. MMFA can help you view 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 believers to articulate their understanding of stewardship, what it looks, 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 believers, 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: MMFA can help your Moravian church inspire believers 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 the campaign.

Planned giving emphasis: 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 T's of stewardship" (time, talent, treasure, and testimony), year-round stewardship, asset mapping, narrative budgets, financial and gift planning, generational giving, 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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- Gift planning
- Stewardship services
- Trust and endowment management

As an interprovincial agency of the Moravian Church in America, our sole purpose is to help Moravian ministries move forward.

People do not give to us, they give through us. We help Moravians identify the work and values they most want to support, and provide proven, sensible options for achieving those goals.



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