Faith Aflame: 360 Degrees

Corporate Stewardship
Stewardship Culture

Session Three
Activity One

Paul Hiebert describes culture as an integrated system of learned patterns of behavior, ideas, and products characteristic of a society or group.

Behavior refers to action patterns that are characteristic of a cultural grouping. What learned pattern of behavior have the members exhibited in each of the areas identified below:

1. What percentage of the membership is regular (you define regular) in their weekly worship attendance?

2. What percentage of the membership is regular (you define regular) in their attendance at the Lord's Supper?

3. What percentage of the membership is regular (you define regular) in attending Sunday school/Bible Class/Small Groups?

4. What percentage of the membership is generous (you define generous) in their financial giving?

5. What percentage of the financial gifts given to the congregation are used for mission endeavors beyond the congregation—through district and synod?

Discussion Questions:

- What do the above behaviors suggest about your congregation?
- Considering the above percentages, how could you—as congregational leaders—help congregational members in their spiritual journey as stewards?
- What specific steps should the congregation take to address each of the issues identified?

Ideas indicate that each culture has a certain view of life and relationships, though within that view may be many viewpoints. What learned views/attitudes do the majority of the members have in each of the areas identified below:

1. What would most of the members say is the purpose and/or mission of this congregation? (Does this portray an inward or outward focus?)

2. How do most of the members view the use of time for God's purposes in the home, occupation, community, and congregation?

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