

Resources

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Adult Stewardship Resources

Videos

Funding the Dream. Boston, Massachusetts: Unitarian Universalist Association, 1994.

This two and one half hour video by Rev. Terry Sweetser educates congregations to think and talk differently about giving and motivates them to turn canvass visions into a "dream campaign." It includes a discussion guide.

Sharing Our Commitment: From One Generation to the Next. Boston, Massachusetts:

Unitarian Universalist Association, 1996. Rev. Terry Sweetser explores the varying levels of commitment and generosity among members of a congregation; the reasons for and significance of these variances; and strategies for moving members to a high level of involvement, commitment and generosity In this video.

Giving Voice to Our Vision. Boston, Massachusetts: Unitarian Universalist Association,

1998. A companion video to the canvass manual *Fundraising with a Vision* (see description below). It depicts canvasser training, kick-off events, pulpit testimonials and a real canvass visit. It was filmed at congregations in Needham and Cambridge, Massachusetts; Portland, Maine; and Columbus, Ohio.

Books

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church: getting it, using it and accounting for it. Helpful to all congregational leaders. It includes examples and models.

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Landreth, Edward P. *Fundraising with a Vision: A Canvass Guide for Congregations*. Boston, Massachusetts: Unitarian Universalist Association, 1997. Based on the belief that fundraising is deeply affected by a congregation's vision of what it wants to be, this guide provides step-by-step tips for planning and running a well-organized annual canvass.

Needleman, Jacob *Money and the Meaning of Life*. New York, New York: Doubleday, 1991. The author states, "Our lives are a hell not because money is so important to us, but because it is not important enough." This resource raises a number of

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Other Recommended Publications and Resources

Charitable Giving. A newsletter published by the Common Wealth Consulting Group (com@tiac.net). Written for clergy, lay leaders and people in the pews, it addresses giving and other financial issues that affect religious organizations.

Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation. This new annual, published by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center, Indianapolis, Indiana (800-835-5671), includes practical aids for leaders doing stewardship in congregational life, book and stewardship curriculum reviews, and ready-to-use financial campaign methodology.