



## **RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

### **June 2021**

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## June & July Webinars

We are taking a one month break in our webinar schedule. There will be no webinar on June 8th.

Join us for our **July** webinar on Tuesday, July 13th at 11:00 a.m. We will be sharing new insights into **Annual Campaigns**. To register, click [HERE](#)



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## WebMD Site Shutting Down

We want to make sure you—and all HealthFlex participants—know that beginning **June 1**, the way that HealthFlex participants access their

health and well-being information will change, and you will no longer be able to access the HealthFlex/WebMD website.

Wespath’s Benefits Access ([benefitsaccess.org](https://benefitsaccess.org)) has replaced the HealthFlex/WebMD site as the home for health and well-being information. This is the same platform your pension resources are on, so now everything is in one spot! [List of FAQs to assist participants with this transition.](#)



## UPCOMING WEBINAR

Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30pm CT. As we work our way out of the pandemic, we will find that things look different. The United Methodist Book of Discipline requires an annual financial audit, so this summer might be an ideal time to start a generosity audit.



Join Rev. Ken Sloane, Director of Stewardship & Generosity, and his guest, Rev. Clayton Smith, author-pastor and former executive pastor of generosity at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. Clayton will lead participants through a process of assessing a church's strengths and weaknesses to see what opportunities this strange time of isolation has brought and what pitfalls may be lurking beyond our sight.



What has worked in the past, may not be what will carries us into the future. You may decide it is time for your church to do a stewardship reset!

To register for this webinar, [CLICK HERE](#).



## Free eBook to Help You Prepare for Summer!

We all are celebrating the great progress we are making in the U.S. related to administering the COVID-19 vaccine to our people. (And we continue to pray for parts of the world still struggling.) While the summer of 2020 will be remembered as “the summer we went nowhere,” many people will be traveling again in the summer of 2021. So, having survived a time of everyone being stuck in their homes, now it is time to get back to the more familiar summer of church members being away.

Horizons Stewardship has provided a free, 43-page eBook to help you get ready to have a better financial summer for your church. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the site, Giving365.com, to download this resource and others!



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### **New Ministry Partner, Ace Hardware, Provides Savings to Local Churches.**

*Nashville, Tennessee* – The Connectional Relations team of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) is announcing that the newest vetted ministry partner is [Ace Hardware](#). Ace, a national

retailer, has more than 2,400 participating locations in the United States and will offer discounts for purchases made for the church.

The partnership will allow churches to shop online and in local Ace Hardware stores and receive 10% off purchases, which can increase available funds for ministries. A local church or other United Methodist entity who sets up an account with Ace will receive the 10% discount on facility supplies, paint, cleaning, and maintenance supplies. With locations across the country, Ace offers accessibility in communities of all sizes, affording the church the opportunity to make purchases from the Ace Hardware broad product line of facility supplies and help churches reduce expenses. To learn more about the Ace Hardware program for churches, [CLICK HERE](#).

*“Ace Hardware is very excited to begin our partnership with GCFA and The United Methodist Church. As churches across the country reopen and congregations come back, we’re excited to be able to support their needs to keep their facilities clean, safe, and operational,”* said Kiko Garcia, Director of Business to Business (B2B) Marketing for Ace.

For more information on the Ministry Partner program, contact Kellie Schmeal, Relationship Director for GCFA at [ConnectionalRelations@gcfa.org](mailto:ConnectionalRelations@gcfa.org), or 615-369-2408.



## **PULL FOR POLICE™** **Armed Intruder Emergency Service**

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**Reverend C. Dennis Shaw,  
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## **An Update on our Year-End Statistical Reporting**

One of the methods the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, used in his creation of the people called Methodists was regular accountability on performance objectives. Wesley asked his itinerating preachers to report on how they were doing. This might include how class meetings were going, how their time had been spent, and, generally through numbers, communicating their effectiveness in being a light to the world.

Times have changed in how we accomplish that reporting, but it is part of who we are: open to accountability. Mountain Sky is one of the Conferences in the United Methodist Church that uses a web-based software package called EZRA to capture, refine and report this year-end statement on accountability reporting.

To read the full article, please [CLICK HERE](#).





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- Mountain Sky Conference  
<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/responsiblestewardship>
- Mountain Sky Conference Ministry Financials  
<http://umcdata.net/sky>
- UMC General Council on Finance & Administration/group ruling  
<https://www.qcfa.org/services/legal-services/group-ruling/>
- Church Mutual Insurance  
<https://www.churchmutual.com/>
- Wespath Benefits / Investments  
<http://www.wespath.org/>
- Discipleship Ministries  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/equipping-leaders/stewardship?>

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