



## Responsible Stewardship News September 2021

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## Responsible Stewardship Webinars

### September Webinar

**Topic:** Stewardship WINS! Interactive Roundtable

**Description:** Come share your favorite stewardship moments from your church or any church you have attended. Learn how some churches are telling their stories successfully.

**Date:** September 14, 2021

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. (MT)

**To register:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Please Note:** A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the webinar.

### October Webinar

**Topic:** Clergy Health Insurance

**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. (MT)

**To register:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Please Note:** A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the webinar.

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# Supporting the Connectional Church: Why, Why Not & Because

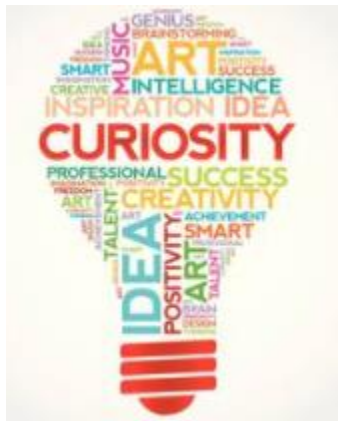


Reverend Doctor C. Dennis Shaw, Retired Elder in the Mountain Sky Conference and a member of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

*This is a first in a series of articles addressing elements of why and towards what end we are asked to support the United Methodist Church beyond the local church.*

To read the article, [Click Here](#)

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## I'm Curious...

Let us know what topics you would like more information on or what questions you have about Responsible Stewardship. You can email us at: [jgladney@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:jgladney@mtnskyumc.org)

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## Discipleship Ministries Webinars

### September Webinar

**Title:** Cultivating the Craft of Asking  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. CDT  
**Presenters:** Rev. Ken Sloane & Bonnie Marden



For years there has been a perception that people have stayed away from church because “the church is always asking for money.” This has led many churches to feel like money is a taboo subject – reserving that uncomfortable conversation for a Sunday in the fall (if at all) and then put it back on the shelf for another year. In so many ways this fear has worked against our mission to grow faithful, generous disciples.

Join Rev. Ken Sloane, Director, Stewardship & Generosity, as he welcomes his guest, Bonnie Marden, Founder and President of MYTE Ministries, consulting with church leaders on growing generosity in local churches. Bonnie has pioneered a successful teaching curriculum titled “Cultivating the Craft of Asking” which has increased confidence in church leaders to “boldly ask” for financial gifts to empower their churches ministry.

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## ***Your UMPIP Webinar***

Wespath will hold the third installment of this year’s Your UMPIP Webinar series on Wednesday, September 22, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., Mountain time. [Register now!](#)

During this webinar, you’ll learn helpful information about achieving your retirement goals, with guidance on how to access your accounts before (and after) retirement according to your circumstances and specific plan provisions.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with information you’ll need to join the webinar. A recording of the webinar will be available after one business day at [wespath.org/events](http://wespath.org/events) if you are unable to attend.

Recordings of this year’s *Your UMPIP* webinars are also available:

- [June 23](#): Contribution accounts and available funds offered through Wespath
- [March 24](#): An overview of UMPIP

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# 2022 Conference-Wide Property Insurance Program

**Please Note:** October 1, 2021 is the deadline for filing exemptions.

[Click Here](#) for more information and the necessary forms.



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## We are Living Into Beloved Community as the MSC!

This is a call to **Annual Conference 2021** for the clergy and lay members of the Mountain Sky Conference. The MSC 2021 Annual Conference will be an online only event, hosted as a livestream by GNTV on October 22 and 23. Registration is now open.

[Click Here](#) for more information on AC2021!

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## Methodists Helping Methodists Foundation News

### Need a Boost? 2021 Grants are here!

<https://mhmf.org/need-a-boost/>

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## GCFA Statistics Update

The board of The United Methodist Church's finance agency approved adding the term "non-binary" alongside "male" and "female" on church statistical forms. The change only affects U.S. congregations. This will appear on the 2021 statistics report that all churches file in January-February 2022.

[Click Here](#) to read more about this update.

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## 10 Things Your Church May Need to Know About Cryptocurrency by Ken Sloane

To read more, [Click Here](#).

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# Creating a Narrative Budget: The Story Behind the Numbers



Discipleship Ministries is excited to announce the launch of a new course for local church leaders: Creating a Narrative Budget – The Story Behind the Numbers. We anticipate the course opening in early to mid-September. For more information, [Click Here](#).

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## Our New Mailing Address

Please send all mail to:

Mountain Sky Conference  
PO Box 462200  
Centennial, CO 80046



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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.gcfa.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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