

**Report from COMPAS**  
**Committee on Mission Priorities and Stewardship**  
**April 16, 2016**

At the Fall Meeting of the Association, we handed out Church Surveys to determine the needs of our churches in regard to stewardship and finances. We received only a few returns from the churches; however, we are proceeding with some programs and workshops this year that will be helpful to the churches in carrying out their financial ministries.

A few of our churches attended and participated in workshops at the Parish Resource Center in Elmont. A special presentation was given by Thrivent Financial Services which has a solid fundraising program that can be utilized by churches in the Association. We are planning to have a follow up workshop with them during the Summer and will encourage more churches to attend.

We are in the planning stages with the Cornerstone Fund for a workshop to be held in July. This will be an updated version of the successful workshop held two years ago which covered all aspects of church finances and budgets. 110 people attended that very successful workshop and received valuable resources and workbooks. The Cornerstone Fund is developing a new workbook for the July workshop, and we are encouraging trustees, financial officers and pastors to attend this workshop which will be held at the Congregational Church of South Hempstead.

We have developed a packet of resources that can be used by churches to assist them as they develop budgets, plan stewardship and capital fundraising campaigns.

We have, once again, provided churches attending the Spring Meeting with surveys to complete. Please take a few minutes to complete your form and return it to the registration table at lunch time in order for us to evaluate and form plans for a presentation at the Fall Meeting of the Association.

We are looking forward to developing more workshops that will meet and assist the needs of our churches as they move forward with their missions and ministry.

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