

A New Look at Stewardship, **Currency of Gracious Leadership**

This month we're going to introduce you to the Currency of Gracious Leadership which seems fitting with the congregation electing new council members at the upcoming annual congregation meeting.

Gracious leaders know how to generate and use Holy Currencies. They are conscious of how currencies flow through their personal lives, within the church and beyond to the community. They use the Cycle of Blessings to discern which currencies are their strengths and weaknesses then seek ways to share their gifts and develop those lacking.

Gracious leaders keep the Cycle of Blessings in mind to analyze how resources recirculate within the church community and in the wider neighborhood, the nation, and the world. They use their talents to build relationships and assist communities to discover the truth and where currencies are not flowing. Their skills help people recognize how they can take part in unblocking the flow of resources, mobilizing resources that generate movement in the Cycle of Blessing toward greater wellness.

Gracious leaders not only regenerate and rejuvenate the currencies, but they also expand and develop more currencies and know how to do more with less.

The ability to use skills, tools, models and processes to create mutually respectful relationships and the discernment of the truth across differences can be built internally, among existing members, and externally with non-members. Differences can be racial/ethnic, age, gender, sexual orientation, income, political affiliation amongst church members and people throughout the community.

In the coming months, the stewardship committee will collaborate with council to identify opportunities to allow leaders to develop their knowledge of the Holy Currencies. We will also conduct a leadership inventory amongst all CTK members and in conjunction with council, identify opportunities to further use our talents and develop skills to achieve a culture of gracious leadership attuned to the Cycle of Blessings.

