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...a newsletter of bullet notes to highlight best-practices in stewardship programs from the **Office of the Canon for Stewardship** in the **Center for Congregational Development**— seeking to encourage discernment, strategic planning, spiritual formation and communications in the pursuit of strong stewardship ministry in the churches of the Diocese of New Hampshire..

2Co 8:7 “But just as you **EXCEL** in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also **EXCEL** in this grace of giving.”

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2006 Campaign Review is ending completion

The campaign review of 2006 campaigns and stewardship consulting services offered by Charles LaFond are coming to a close in February with a second series of meetings. This means that clergy who missed the first series could attend these lay-leadership meetings in February. Please attend a meeting so that we do not repeat mistakes in 2007 and so that Charles benefits from hearing what works, what does not work and what needs to be changed in 2007.

Rescheduling of Clergy Campaign Review Sessions in Dover and Manchester:

Due to the death of my mother, we had to cancel these sessions last week. Thank you for your willingness to reschedule these meetings. They are being rescheduled as follows:

Dover meeting will be moved to Portsmouth (merged with Lay Stewardship Session):
St John’s, Portsmouth , 5:30, Wednesday, Feb. 7

Manchester meeting for lay leaders and local clergy is being rescheduled for Thursday,
February 8, 7:45 pm at Grace Church, Manchester

Lay Campaign Review Sessions in February

In conversation with various stewardship lay-leaders in the Diocese, it has come to my attention that I have unintentionally neglected to effectively include lay people in the **Stewardship Campaign Review Sessions** we are currently conducting. By placing the

meetings in mid-morning or mid-afternoon, I have made it difficult or impossible for anyone other than clergy to come to these strategy and information sessions. There will be a second series of one-hour meetings are being made available to clergy and especially to lay stewardship or vestry leaders in five early evenings in February.

Place	Time	Date
(South) Good Shepherd, Nashua	5:30	Sunday, Feb. 4
(North) St. Paul's, Lancaster	5:30	Monday, Feb. 5
(West) All Saints, Peterborough	5:30	Tuesday, Feb. 6
(East) St John's, Portsmouth	5:30	Wednesday, Feb. 7
(Central) Diocesan House	6:30	Thursday, Feb 8

Province One Conference on Stewardship, Evangelism and Congregation Development will be held March 16-18

This year's Province One Conference on Stewardship, Evangelism and Congregation Development will be held March 16-18 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, Massachusetts and promises to be a fine conference.

My concern is that this conference is extremely well attended and therefore fills up quickly. It is the highest quality and best attended conference of its kind in the Episcopal Church and so is full by mid-February. I am hoping you will send a team or will gather a regional team to attend this conference.

The work of training our lay leaders pays off in many, many ways and there is no sense in letting a training and motivating opportunity like this one pass us by!

Please note that the deadline for economical conference registration is one month away! (February 8, 2007); February 22nd for the hotel deal.