

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE

Stewardship is:

Acknowledging

What we do

With all that we are

And all that we have

All of the time

Deeply grateful for all we have been given by God.

WE BELIEVE that as God's children, we exist to know Christ and to make Him known. We do this by living the Great Commandment and living out the Great Commission. We also are called to respond to God joyfully as stewards in praise and thanksgiving for all of life, sacramentally expressed in worship, prayer, service to others and gifts of money.

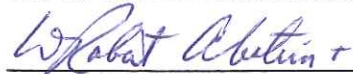
WE COMMIT ourselves to the biblical principle of the tithe as the standard for individual Christian giving, acknowledging the difficulty of this commitment. We further commit ourselves to confront our fears of scarcity; to embrace a new vision of stewardship through a joyous response to God's extravagant gifts; and to empower the mission of Christ through generous giving.

WE COMMEND to individuals this principle of tithing and congregations to develop their own stewardship statements in order to promote a response to the gospel.

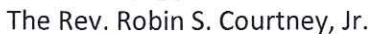
WE COMMISSION the Diocesan Stewardship Committee to provide leadership for implementing these principles in the life of the Diocese at every level by education, consultation, inspiration and example.



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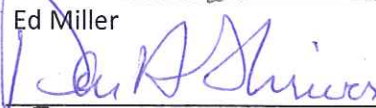
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