

Generosity



The New Jersey Synod Resource Development Team has prepared a short DVD entitled “Generosity 3:16” This video is also available through You Tube and the Synod web site. We ask that you provide opportunity for your congregation council to view this video and use the following discussion guide to facilitate a conversation about how your congregation might cultivate a more generous faith-community. This video and discussion guide may also be valuable in other venues (i.e. Stewardship and Finance Teams, Youth events, congregation meetings.) Additional Generosity 3:16 resources are available at www.njsynod.org.

Beginning Prayer

View the “Generosity 3:16” Video

Discuss the following questions:

1. The video points out the difference between transactional relationships, which we typically experience in the world, and the generous giving which we experience in relationship with God. How does John 3:16 highlight these same ideas?
2. Identify three ways that our congregation falls into the trap of transactional giving? How might we transform that behavior, modeling generous living, generous relationships, and generous giving?

Draw pictures or images of our congregation's transactional relationships	Draw pictures or images of our congregation's generous relationships

3. How can we work the idea of God's generous giving into our stewardship for the upcoming year, including how we create and discuss our budget?

Ending Prayer: Close with spontaneous prayer that flows out of your discussion.