



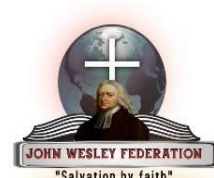
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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP / STEWARDS

- Spiritual leadership is all about leading people towards God's agenda of the kingdom and saving souls from eternal death.
- Leadership in the Methodist Church is meant to promote the ministry of Jesus Christ for healing and transformation.
- A leader is called by God and appointed by church members whether in a class meeting as a class leader, stewards meeting or in a circuit quarterly meeting to promote the mission of God in the church of Christ.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To empower leadership capacity and reclaiming our Wesleyan Heritage.
2. To assist laity in adding value to the church of Christ.
3. To make a professional administration for the benefit of the church.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP ALL ABOUT

- 1) God's stewardship is a key to the kingdom and it is a ministry exercised within the body of Christ in order to freeing the church for the mission of God. **Deepening spirituality and evangelism through word, sign and deed.**
- 2) Stewardship should not be undertaken because it confers status or for any reason other than a desire to serve God and the church of Christ.
- 3) The mission of the church is fundamentally in the local church or in a society which feeds the circuit, circuit feeds the district and district feeds the Connexion and Connexion the world making people believe in God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, stewardship should be exercised in the context of a society or a local church to have impact to God's people **recognizing the church structure for administration purposes.**

CHURCH STEWARDS

- a) Church stewards are lay people who are matured in the Christian faith with good morals who can be trusted and entrusted with church administration especially with finances of the church.
- b) Their responsibility is to cooperate with the ministers and leaders of the society or circuit to promote circuit or society's spirituality and welfare of the church.
- c) To manage all circuit funds on behalf of the quarterly meeting and in conjunction with the finance committee where this exists.

To provide for the effective operation of the Circuit subject to the directions of the quarterly meeting.

- d) To keep proper accounts of income and expenditure and to submit them to each circuit quarterly meeting. In every three months there should be circuit quarterly meeting for planning, promoting and monitoring the spiritual life and mission of the church in the circuit.

- e) To pay to the connexional office the amounts due to the connexional funds, the stipends and other allowances of ministers and all other claims on the circuit funds.
- f) To ensure that if the minister is to occupy a circuit house, it is ready and fit for occupation and adequately furnished. These are some of circuit steward's responsibilities to ensure that there is order and stability in the circuit and in the church of Christ. **(The Laws & Discipline 12th edition 2016)**
- g) **It is critical and crucial for ministers to teach the laity their responsibilities in the church and maintain order and stability in the church by servanthood leadership as well as professional administration.**
- h) Stewardship in the church of Christ needs a monitoring tool which requires, **recording, reporting, monitoring and capacitation**. Your church will never experience conflict and dissension (disagreements that lead to discord due to dissatisfaction).

Shalom

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