

# Serving Christians in Stewardship

The Bible speaks frequently about money, riches, blessings of abundance, and stewardship. All of these aspects of life are placed in the framework that “the earth is the Lord’s” and that people have been given the responsibility to care for it and for their neighbors on God’s behalf and for His glory. Effective stewardship blesses our own lives, the lives of our neighbors, and organizations furthering the Kingdom of God.

In the mid-seventies, several charities sought a way to say “thank you” to their donors for many years of faithful support. They envisioned a charitable organization dedicated to serving Christian people with stewardship issues in practical ways. Christian Stewardship Services received its federal charter in 1976 and has served many people with their retirement, estate and will planning, personal finances, and charitable giving. Today, CSS works across Canada, serving some 400 clients each year and manages over \$18 million in planned gifts in many forms.

The work of CSS is made possible by the financial support of 38 Christian organizations and over 100 Christian schools from across the country.

## ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF PARTNERS

**Back to God Hour**

**Beginnings Counseling and Adoption Services**

**Bethesda Christian Association, BC**

**Bible League**

**Calvin College**

**Calvin Theological Seminary**

**Canadian Institute of Linguistics**

**Canadian Christian Education Foundation Inc.**

**Central Ontario Christian Education Foundation (COCEF)**

**Christian Horizons**

**Christian Labour Association of Canada**

**Christian Reformed Church in North America**

**CRC Canada Foundation**

**Christian Reformed Home Missions**

**Christian Reformed World Missions**

**Christian Reformed World Relief Committee**

**Citizens for Public Justice**

**Dordt College**

**Ebenezer Home**

**Elim Housing Society**

**Foundation for Niagara**

**Christian Schools**

**Friendship Groups Canada**

**Grand River Advancement of Christian Education Foundation (GRACE Foundation)**

**Holland Christian Homes**

**Homestead Christian Care**

**Institute for Christian Studies**

**Lighthouse**

**London District Christian Education Foundation**

**Mission Services of London**

**Northumberland Youth for Christ**

**Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools**

**Redeemer University College**

**Rehoboth Christian Ministries**

**Salem Christian Mental Health Association**

**Shalom Manor**

**Society of Christian Schools in British Columbia**

**Sonshine Community Services**

**The King’s University College**

**Tollendale Village**

**Work Research Foundation**

**World Relief Canada**

**WorldWorldwide Christian Schools**

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## CSS serves through the following programs:

- Presentations
- Managing Endowment Funds
- Literature distribution
- Donor Advised Funds
- Planned giving programs
- Personal, confidential counseling
- Investment programs

## ESTATE AND WILL PLANNING

Estate and Will Planning is for everyone: young and old, wealthy or just starting out. It is the process of deciding to whom your assets should be distributed after your death and it is an integral, but often overlooked, aspect of stewardship.

### A visit from CSS staff will:

- > Help you understand the importance of a Will
- > Explain what a Will can and cannot do
- > Advise you on choosing Executors and Guardians
- > Offer advice on trusts for children and inheritances

Provide a customized written summary of your instructions for your lawyer.

## GIFT PLANNING

Gift Planning is a considered decision to structure your giving, both while you are living and through your estate. CSS will work with you to plan your gifts in the most tax-efficient way possible while ensuring maximum impact and efficiency for your gift to the chosen charities, now and in the future.

## PRESENTATIONS

CSS conducts many public presentations each year, often at the invitation of a church, school, Bible study group, or individuals. Each presentation brings Christian perspective and consideration to these increasingly complicated issues. Audience participation is encouraged.

## GROWING IN GIVING



The Growing in Giving program educates and improves understanding of Biblical stewardship. The programme develops resources, offers presentations and workshops, trains, and coaches church leaders and “stewardship champions”.

“Growing in giving” is a jointly funded program of CSS and the Christian Reformed Church. The program is delivered to CRC congregations in partnership with Diaconal Ministries Canada. “Growing in Giving” is also available to other congregations and constituencies as well. *November 2007*

