

We believe the following assumptions about congregations:

- Each congregation ought to have a ministry plan in place to shape a vision for the future.
- Leaders of congregations have been elected to sustain and initiate programs for God's church.
- The planning process is unique for each congregation.

We support these guidelines for leaders:

- Leaders take the initiative to propose and suggest ideas and plans.
- When leaders listen, reactions to proposals are usually more positive.
- Leaders assist God's people in creating ownership for projects.



*The desire of the righteous ends only in good
(Proverbs 11:23).*

Above all else, Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry teaches Biblical stewardship principles. From personal experience in giving, I know that once people truly recognize God as the owner of all, and understand that each of us is a manager of God's wealth – not the spenders of our wealth – giving becomes a joyful act.

Using Biblically based principles, we at Cornerstone help our clients advance God's kingdom through successful stewardship efforts. By working together within Christian principles and trusting God's leading, great things can be accomplished for Jesus.

As your ministry needs stewardship and planning assistance, I urge you to contact Cornerstone. We will strive to conduct a program that brings honor to Jesus and gives him thanks for all things.

We look forward to the opportunity to serve your ministry.

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Contact us today to register or to obtain more information. Visit our website to learn about our stewardship services and materials.

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*Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many
advisers they succeed (Proverbs 15:22).*

FIRST THINGS FIRST

**A Workshop for Lutheran Organizations
Planning To Build**



Cornerstone
Stewardship Ministry

Creating Opportunities for Joyful Giving

FREE WORKSHOP FOR YOUR CHURCH

First Things First is brought to you by Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry, a unique firm that specializes in church planning, funding and stewardship education.

Our mission has always been to assist and support God's kingdom through stewardship efforts and programs. This workshop supports our mission by equipping Christian organizations with the necessary planning and financial guidelines and tools for a successful building program.

Churches are eager for this information! Good planning translates into good stewardship. It saves both time and money over the long run.

Make plans by seeking advice (Proverbs 20:18).

First Things First is conducted at your location for just you and your members. It is specific to your organization. We spend a few hours prior to the workshop getting to know YOUR situation and specific goals and challenges. There is no obligation to retain our services after we conduct the workshop.

We do not charge a service fee for this workshop. We ask only that our travel expenses (hotel, car, air and meals, if any) are reimbursed.

FIRST THINGS FIRST WORKSHOP IS FOR:

- Pastors
- Administrators
- Strategic planning committees
- Vision planning committees
- Stewardship committees
- Lay leaders
- Building committee members
- Board of elders
- and other interested members

HERE IS WHAT YOU WILL GET

- **Application** of Biblical principles to your project
- **Determination** if you are ready to build
- **Discovery** of insights for getting member "buy-in"
- **Development** of a road map for planning
- **Understanding** how a facility supports your ministry
- **Identification** of key funding components
- **Discovery** of your fund-raising potential
- **Calculation** of your borrowing potential
- and much more!

This workshop is for churches considering building. The purpose is to share guidelines and planning principles for a building project.

There are two roads to follow when preparing for a construction project:

Road #1: PLANNING A BUILDING

Road #2: FUNDING FOR THE BUILDING

***First Things First* will help you travel down both roads and give guidance on how the roads merge together for the completion of a successful building project, all to God's glory.**



WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

YOUR MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR YOU TO LEAD. You've been elected, appointed or called to serve your fellow members by guiding your church through a building project. It's a big responsibility. Are you ready? *First Things First* will give you the information you need to do your job well.

A BUILDING PROJECT CAN BE A BLESSING. Despite the stories you've heard of construction projects gone awry, the building process can actually be an exciting time of spiritual growth, encouragement and unity. But it takes knowledge

and guidance to make this happen. Gain it at *First Things First*.



ENSURE THAT YOUR NEW FACILITY AND FUNDING PLAN WILL ENHANCE AND CHALLENGE YOUR MINISTRY – NOT HINDER IT. *First Things First* will stress the importance of vision, strategic planning and a ministry-focused mission – the keys to creating, leading and guiding a group of disciples for Jesus.

The building decisions that leaders make now will impact the entire church for years to come. That being the case, it is most prudent to get off in the right direction and begin leading God's people.

God is inclined to bless plans that are made and carried out with diligence and in consultation with others.