

## My Stewardship Story

*by Derek Osman*

Why do we give? At first, it seemed like a tough question - or a question without an easy answer. It seemed like we had continued to give about the same amount of money for years. But then we really hadn't taken much time to consider that we were still contributing at about the same level as what we had done when I was in my prime earning power - perhaps bringing home 2 or 3 times as much as the fixed income that is supporting our lifestyle now. Yes, are we giving until it hurts, or until it feels good?

I do know that when Betty & I discuss it and agree to giving a bit more, to fill a special need within our church community, it does feel good.

And that is the monetary aspect. The same goes for the time, and the talents components for Stewardship too. It feels good to see a need for something to be done, and to be able to get at it to get it done - albeit some days that can hurt a bit too but I am usually quiet about that part of it in front of Betty anyway!. But I have often said. if I can contribute, and learn too, then I am having fun. (Perhaps that is why I had so much fun as warden over the past 5+ years!) Mind you, Betty doesn't have too much fun these days as she awaits a knee replacement, but she sure welcomed the removal of those cataracts!

Yup, I think we give until it feels good,  
and we make a good team.

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Warden & "Super Warden"!