

**Companions on a Journey:**  
**the Journey from Scarcity to Abundance**

If we look through the Stewardship lens, we see Christians who:

- **Have made a decision and a commitment to follow Jesus Christ;**
- **Are living out a commitment to a Christ-centered, rather than self-centered life;**
- **Are living into a conversion of heart, mind and will;**
- **Understand stewardship to be a lifelong, spiritual discipline that has the potential to change how they live out their lives in their family, their work place, their church and their community;**
- **Have an attitude of thankfulness to God for all God's gifts, especially for Jesus Christ;**
- **Are putting God's priorities first – giving the first portion of their talent, time and treasure to Lord's work in gratitude for God's many blessings;**
- **Demonstrate an ability to be detached from material possessions by a generous giving/sharing of their time, talent and treasure through their church for God's world;**
- **Work to safeguard God's creation including material and human resources;**
- **Are co-creating with God to restore Creation;**
- **Cultivate material and human resources responsibly - developing their own gifts and supporting/mentoring others;**
- **Advocate for a just and equitable share of God's gifts for all people;**
- **Nurture their congregation as a place where God's mission is being carried out and where people are being enabled to build the Kingdom of God;**
- **Imitate God in being generous givers.**

**Can you identify some these characteristics in yourself? In your parish? Which one(s) could you work on first yourself? In your congregation?**