

# Church Generosity Online Training Course

All resources for this course are available at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/partners/fmc-resources](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/partners/fmc-resources). This training is to be done by pastors and church leaders during regularly scheduled meetings.

## MONTH 1 (UP TO 45 MINUTES)

- TRAINING VIDEO & HANDOUT** Watch the course overview and read 10 ways people are influenced to be generous. (9 min).
- SHARING** Share how God has influenced your generosity.
- ACTION ITEMS THIS MONTH** Have everyone get their free digital copy of the 40 Day Generous Life devotional and start going through it with their spouse or family (5 mins/day). Have people go to their app store and search for “givewithjoy” (one word, no spaces) or access a free online or email version at [GiveWithJoy.org](http://GiveWithJoy.org). Have the pastor and interested key church leaders take the Church Generosity assessment survey ([naefinancialhealth.org/cgsurvey](http://naefinancialhealth.org/cgsurvey)). Optional: Interested leaders can sign up for Personal Finances online training. Your pastor can forward a group email with each month’s lesson or individuals can email [FinancialHealth@nae.net](mailto:FinancialHealth@nae.net) to sign up. Optional: Sign up for the **private** Financial Health Free Methodist Church Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/FMCfinancialhealth](https://facebook.com/groups/FMCfinancialhealth)). Post a positive comment, encouragement or question each month.

## MONTH 2 (UP TO 45 MINUTES)

- TRAINING VIDEO & HANDOUT** Giving charts, Milestones in People’s Generosity Journey & 7 Keys to Joyful Living & Giving (15 min).
- SHARING** Share what devotional reading, statistic or video teaching caught your attention the most. Optional: For those going through the Personal Finances online training, share a positive highlight from this course.
- ACTION ITEMS THIS MONTH** Complete the 40 Day Generous Life devotional.

## MONTH 3 (UP TO 45 MINUTES)

- VIDEO/HANDOUT** 5 Ways to Grow Joyful Givers and Giving in Any Church & Overview of Church Generosity Best Practices (20 min).
- SHARING** Have each person share a few of the Best Practices they think should be prayerfully researched further. Assign people to do further research on the most popular choices.
- ACTION ITEMS THIS MONTH** Have people do further research on the Best Practices items and prepare a report or recommendations for the team to further discuss.

## MONTH 4 (UP TO 45 MINUTES)

- VIDEO/HANDOUT** How to effectively use the 40 Day Generous Life devotional, How to Love Our Pastor flyer & Pastor Appreciation offering (15 min).
- SHARING** Comment on why these items could be helpful to your church families. Discuss which coming Sunday would be a good time to launch the 40 Days of Generosity. If there’s time, have some people report back on other Best Practices they promised to research. Optional: Have a few people share a highlight from the Personal Finances online training.
- ACTION ITEMS THIS MONTH** Review the 40 Day companion resources at [GenerosityDevotional.com/NAE](http://GenerosityDevotional.com/NAE). Order any needed printed devotionals for the families in your congregation. Review and begin to customize the 40 Day letter from leaders and *How to Love Your Pastor* flyer templates.

## MONTH 5 (UP TO 45 MINUTES)

- VIDEO/HANDOUT** The importance of 12-month Church Generosity planning calendar based on your choice of Best Practices (10 min).
- SHARING** Have more people report back on the Best Practices they researched. Begin to look at where in a 12-month planning calendar some of these Best Practices you are considering could fit into your church’s schedule in the coming year. Optional: Have a few people share a highlight from the Personal Finances course.
- ACTION ITEMS THIS MONTH** Finalize and mail the letter from the leaders and printed copies of the 40 Day Generous Life devotional to all the families in the church. For churches also doing the Pastor Appreciation offering, the letter should include information about this offering and the *How to Love Your Pastor* flyer. Continue to have people research Best Practices and consider how they might begin to fit into your church’s culture and scheduling calendar.

## MONTH 6 (UP TO 45 MINUTES)

- VIDEO/HANDOUT** Look back, look up, and look forward (12 min).
- SHARING** Have more people report back on the Best Practices they researched. Begin to refine your Church Generosity planning calendar.
- ACTION ITEMS THIS MONTH** Complete your 40 Days of Generosity. If applicable, receive the Pastor Appreciation offering. Take time to prayerfully give thanks for the good work God has started this past six months to grow more joyful givers and giving in your church. Continue to fine tune and implement your 12-month planning calendar. Consider how the other Financial Health training modules and resources could be helpful to your church.