

*"People plan their path, but the Lord secures their steps."*

– Proverbs 16:9 (CEB)

# Your Ministries. Your Finances.

## Everence 2025 report

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### Building strong stewardship ministries

At Everence®, we believe Christian stewardship encompasses all we are and all we have, aligning our lives with God's purposes.

Through our Stewardship Partners program, we help churches build vibrant stewardship ministries that address both congregational and personal financial needs. With faith-driven resources, we equip stewardship leaders to help your church manage finances in alignment with Christian values, fostering both financial well-being and spiritual growth.

Let us help you build a strong stewardship ministry! Visit [everence.com/partners](https://everence.com/partners) to learn more.

### Churches supporting community through Sharing Funds



Faith communities can be a vital support in times of hardship – and the Everence Sharing Fund helps churches assist members in need.

Over the past six years, Everence has distributed nearly \$5 million in Sharing Fund grants, on top of additional matches from churches,

to help thousands facing hardship. You can support this important work with a fully tax-deductible donation – 100% of your gift will go directly to those experiencing financial challenges. To donate or learn more, visit [everence.com/sharing-fund](https://everence.com/sharing-fund).

### Boost your church's ministries with MyNeighbor



If your church is seeking an easy, low-cost way to boost financial support, consider the MyNeighbor credit card from Everence Federal Credit Union.

This program lets individuals contribute to your church or favorite nonprofits with every purchase. Whether for groceries, bills, or other everyday expenses, 1.50% of each purchase made using the MyNeighbor card goes directly to the charity of the cardholder's choice, such as your church. Then, in January, Everence sends checks to the selected 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, with no additional work required on your end.

Since 2017, we have donated \$2.8 million through the MyNeighbor program. It's an easy way to foster stewardship engagement and

create additional revenue for your church's ministries. Learn more at [everence.com/myneighbor](https://everence.com/myneighbor).

### Strengthening your church's endowment fund



As of 2021, over 40% of religious organizations reported challenges in managing their endowment funds, highlighting the need for sustainable financial planning (National Philanthropic Trust, 2021). While updated data is expected, this trend emphasizes the importance for churches to actively manage their endowments for long-term stability.

Your church can develop a strategy to grow and manage its endowment to create a reliable income stream to support ministries – especially in uncertain times. By engaging your congregation and implementing thoughtful giving practices, you can lay the groundwork for lasting financial growth. Talk to your Everence stewardship consultant or visit [everence.com/churches](https://everence.com/churches) for more information.