

## **Young Stewards of Saint George Q&A**

Saint George is pleased to announce its newest ministry: The Young Stewards of Saint George, or “the Young Stewards.” This Q&A provides more information about the ministry’s purpose, how to get involved, and how you can support the youth of the church.

**1. What is the Young Stewards of Saint George?**

Developed by the Stewardship Committee, the Young Stewards of Saint George is intended to bring the spirit of stewardship to youth of the church. A ceremony recognizing new members to the ministry will be held February 18 following Divine Liturgy.

**2. What is the purpose of the Young Stewards ministry?**

Beyond fostering a spirit of stewardship, the purpose of the Young Stewards is to cultivate a greater sense of community among the youth of the church. Over the long-term, the ministry will educate the Young Stewards about the importance of personal generosity; offer ways they can engage their communities and church, and create a sense of ownership of their life commitments and the shared responsibility they have in our spiritual home.

**3. How old does my child have to be to join the Young Stewards?**

The intended age range is 4 - 18, but the Young Stewards ministry is open to all interested youth.

**4. How do I get my child(ren) involved?**

The best way to involve your child is to sign-up your child to participate in the February 18 recognition ceremony. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex and on the ministries table by the elevator. You may also contact Roula Arceo and Chris Varones, co-chairs of the Young Stewards ministry, for more information.

**5. What if my child is not signed up by February 18?**

Don’t worry! Your child can still participate in the Young Stewards. Just complete a sign-up sheet as soon as possible.

**6. Does my child need to meet an annual stewardship commitment as adults do?**

No, but the Young Stewards will be educated throughout the year so they can reflect on how to best support their communities and their church through their personal time, talent, and treasure.

**7. Do those participating in the Young Stewards have any responsibilities?**

The Young Stewards will be expected to participate in educational activities about stewardship as well as a generosity project of their choosing to be completed by the end of 2024. Once plans are finalized, the ministry will reach out to the Young Stewards and their parents with details.

**8. How can I help support the Young Stewards ministry as a parent?**

Parents can help primarily by engaging their children in conversations about stewardship at home. Over the course of the year, Saint George will supply parents with educational materials to support and guide conversations with their children.

**9. In the long run, what does the Young Stewards ministry hope to achieve?**

Being in its inaugural year, the Young Stewards ministry’s goals are intentionally modest. But in the long-run, the desire of the ministry is to educate and engage our youth today so they see themselves as leaders of their communities and church in the future.

**10. If my child joins the Young Stewards, is he or she considered a steward of Saint George like adult stewards?**

Yes. All stewards, regardless of age, are seen as equals in their shared responsibilities to their communities and church.