

Bruce A. Barkhauer was called as the first “Minister for Faith and Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)” in 2010, after 25 years of parish ministry. Since that time, he has engaged the whole church in conversations about generosity and offered transformative ways for congregations to think about stewardship. His energy, vision, and entrepreneurial spirit enhance gifts in both business and ministry. He brings a biblically based understanding about stewardship combined with theological integrity and weds them to the current trends and best practices related to spirituality and money. Bruce believes that stewardship is holistic and incorporates not simply financial resources, but all resources entrusted into our care.

He is concerned about the preservation of the natural world and deeply believes that the wonders of creation can draw us into spiritual experiences that reveal the greater mysteries of our humanity as well as the character of the Divine. Barkhauer believes that: “At our core, we are existentially stewards, with a vocation to exercise dominion in the world in the same way that God does in the cosmos – for the benefit of all things. It defines relationships between humans, creation, and the creator and thus to live as a faithful steward is to live in harmony with one another, the natural world, and God.”

He is the author of numerous articles, and books including *Community of Prayer: A Stewardship Devotional*; *America’s Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections On Our National Parks*, and *America’s Sacred Sites: 50 Faithful Reflections on our National Monuments and Historic Landmarks*. He is a graduate of Ohio University (Athens), Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis), and did Doctor of Ministry studies at Ashland Theological Seminary (Ashland, OH). He is married to Laura and they share three grown children and four grandchildren.