Faith, Work & Economics

A Helper For What?
A Story Of Pastoral Malpractice
Narrowing The Sunday To Monday Gap
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• What Steps Have We Taken?

• What Steps Are We Taking Now?
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A Robust Theology That Informs Work
“Work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do.”

-Dorothy Sayers
A Liturgical Regularity That Affirms Work
A Relational Investment That Applauds Work
What Steps Are We Taking Now?
Connecting Faith, Work And Economics
Economists (Roger Conover)

• The First Law of Economics:
  – For every economist, there exists an equal and opposite economist.

• The Second Law of Economics:
  – They're both wrong.
Economic Journalism

• The First Law of Economic Journalism:
  – For every news or talk show perspective, there exists an equal and opposite perspective.

• The Second Law of Economic Journalism:
  – They're both REALLY wrong.
ECONOMICS
The Science of Explaining Tomorrow Why The Predictions You Made Yesterday Didn’t Come True Today.
“If all the economists were laid end to end, they’d never reach a conclusion.”

(George Bernard Shaw)
“Economics is the study of the use of scarce resources which have alternative uses.”

(Lionel Robbins, Thomas Sowell)
“Economics is that practical and moral scientific study of the one aspect or dimension of human behavior that involves stewardly exchanging, by free moral agents, scarce things of value for the sake of profit.”

(Economic Shalom, John Bolt)
Moving From Merely Individual Contribution To Mutual Cooperation
A Robust Theology That Speaks To Economic Flourishing
Human Flourishing

• Vocational Contribution: We were created with work in mind.
• Economic Cooperation: We were created with community in mind.
• Common Grace for the Common good: Adding value to others through our work
A Pastoral Competency That Enhances Human Flourishing
A Missional Adjustment Aimed At Nurturing Compassion, Enhancing Capacity and Promoting Wise Generosity.
Some Specific Initiatives
At Christ Community