



# TENDING THE VINEYARD

## Stewardship of Religious Property

### *Educational Sessions for Strategic Property Planning*

#### SESSION 1

#### List of Major Take-Aways from Strategic Property Planning Session One – “Eyes Wide Open”

**Some major take-aways from the first strategic property planning session are:**

**1.** Honestly look for indicators that may suggest it is time for the religious institute to engage in a strategic property planning process.

**2.** Assess membership’s readiness for strategic property planning. If membership is not ready, begin education on topics on which members need a better or fuller understanding.

**3.** Consider the scope of a strategic property planning process carefully so that all major property issues for the institute can surface and be addressed.

**4.** Identify attributes of planning committee or team members that are most needed and desired.

**5.** Decide on basic roles before a strategic property planning committee or team is assembled, including the role of leadership.

**6.** Commit to providing the information, tools and resources members need to engage substantively in a strategic property planning process.

**7.** Honestly identify the barriers impeding a strategic property planning process and take steps to address them.

**8.** Don’t give in to the tendency to defer major decisions to the future or to the next leadership team.

**9.** Assess readiness to implement a strategic property planning process from both leadership and institute-wide perspectives

**10.** Go into a strategic planning process with “eyes wide open,” understanding the type and magnitude of decisions that will result from a good strategic planning process.

