



TENDING THE VINEYARD

Stewardship of Religious Property

Educational Sessions for Strategic Property Planning

SESSION 4

List of Factors and Variables that Can Affect a Planning Timetable

- ✓ 1. The scope of the strategic property planning process. *Generally, strategic property planning for large and more complex institute-owned properties takes longer.*
- ✓ 2. The specific components the institute incorporates into its strategic property process. *For example, building a shared understanding among membership about realities requires extra time.*
- ✓ 3. The number of assessments an institute decides to undertake in conjunction with its strategic property planning. *All assessments require time, and multiple assessments or multiple properties require more time.*
- ✓ 4. The level of membership engagement built into the process. *Generally, active involvement of membership in a strategic property planning process requires more time.*
- ✓ 5. The input or feedback membership will be asked to provide or processing membership will be asked to do. *The number of times members are surveyed, asked to respond or provide input or to meet in small groups can extend the planning timeline.*
- ✓ 6. The length of time the process allows to identify options and alternatives. *Usually, a finite amount of time is specified for this part of a strategic property planning process and how much time the institute decides is needed and appropriate affects the planning timetable.*
- ✓ 7. Connection to important dates already on an institute's calendar. *Connecting strategic property planning to chapters, assemblies and other large gatherings can be very helpful but can also impact the planning timeline.*
- ✓ 8. Mid-process changes in leadership. *A change in leadership during strategic property planning can cause delays as the new leadership team engages in strategic property planning from a different perspective.*
- ✓ 9. Unforeseen developments. *A myriad of things can happen – positive and not – that can disrupt even the best planning process and timeline.*

