



TENDING THE VINEYARD

Stewardship of Religious Property

Educational Sessions for Strategic Property Planning

SESSION 5 Basic Do's and Don'ts of Decision Making

Do	DON'T
✓ Be very clear about how strategic property planning recommendations will be made	✓ Forget about critical realities and other context that led the institute to initiate strategic property planning in the first place
✓ Be very clear as to who has responsibility to make decisions on recommendations and implementation of decisions that come from strategic property planning	✓ Short change the amount of time allowed for decision-making or take shortcuts for important decisions
✓ Distinguish between decisions about recommendations that will be made to institute leadership versus decisions institute leadership makes to accept and implement recommendations	✓ Let indecisiveness set in, especially given the time, effort and resources the institute has invested in strategic property planning
✓ Make sure all those in the institute who have a hand in decision-making have sufficient information relevant to the decision and are otherwise well-informed	✓ Rush important decisions
✓ Make sure an appropriate amount of time is allowed for decision making	✓ Forget to learn from the experiences of other religious institutes that have made similar decisions
✓ Make ample room for contemplation and discernment in decision making processes	✓ Fail to recognize or abide by any self-imposed constraints on decisions
✓ Maintain objectivity in the decision-making process	✓ Let bias unduly color decisions
✓ Seek broad advice and opinions on the decisions to be made	✓ Neglect or discount what is best for the greater good of the institute

