



TENDING THE VINEYARD

Stewardship of Religious Property

Educational Sessions for Strategic Property Planning

SESSION 2 List of Realities a Religious Institute May Want to Define

1. Realities associated with membership demographics, including projections of future membership

2. Realities associated with the future care needs of institute members, including the projected future need for assisted and skilled care for members

3. Realities associated with health care delivery to members, including the institute's ability to sustain the cost of the current methods of health care delivery

4. Realities associated with the number of potential future leaders of the institute

5. Realities associated with current and future finances, including whether the institute is projected to have financial resources to care for all members into and through their retirement

6. Realities associated with institute income patterns, including the trend regarding the proportion of an institute's income that comes from member earnings

7. Realities associated with the institute's financial viability, especially if the annual expenses of the institute exceed the institute's annual income

8. Realities associated with staffing, including staff required to maintain and operate institute-owned facilities

9. Realities associated with the institute's ability to sustain investments it makes in ministries, including the sustainability of financial subsidies to sponsored ministries

10. Realities associated with the institute's need for and stewardship of property and space

11. Realities regarding space utilization, including the cost to the institute of continuing to operate and maintain space not fully used

12. Realities associated with the institute's ability to sustain its mission into the future

