

Managing Church Resources

Time of uncertainty

- Should we be sharing resources and spending or saving resources limiting spending?
- Opportunity to assess financial strength and resiliency
- Evaluate responsiveness, communication, and adaptability
- Learn for future

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Factors

- Financial resources
- Decision making
- Mission and vision
- Time frame



Financial Resource Considerations

- Current operating reserves
- Predictability of future funds
- Property and equipment
- Trusted advisor
- Donor restrictions
- Life stage of organization
- Fixed costs
- Financial storms or other risks

Decision Making Considerations

- Who is involved in budgeting?
- What decisions are centralized versus decentralized?
- When is a financial advisor part of the decision process?
- Are employees empowered with clear expectations and goals?
- Is the decision an example or permitting what is good to stand in the way of what could be great?
- Does the decision align with mission?



Mission and Vision Considerations

- What is our story?
- Does spending align with mission?
- Do new programs support mission?
- Is there evidence of mission creep?

Time Frame Considerations

- Have we considered the long-term impact of a current expenditure or investment?
- Are we using only historical financial and operating information for framing our thinking?
- Do we use forecasting to proactively assess potential scenarios and response options?
- Have we analyzed the cash flow impacts?
- Are we developing prospective financial thinking?



Other Considerations

- Is financial information transparent and available?
- Do different areas of the entity know how they are impacting the bottom line?
- Have we identified key indicators and monitoring parameters?

Thank You!

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